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Healey hint of tax cuts if wage pacts keep code

Measures to stimulate the economy may be the promise of introduced in November, provided major wage wide choice available settlements like those for local authority manual acceptive to miss it workers and the Ford Motor Company fall way other benefits within the Government's guidelines. Mr Healey hinted yesterday that the timing of any stimula-tion—likely to include tax cuts—would be linked STUART TOWN to the satisfactory start of this year's pay round. FURNISHED SLATE:
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November date likely for boost to economy

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picture of the British economy, Mr Healey said that the central problem was the low level of economic activity reflected in economic activity reflected in the unacceptable unemploy-ment level.

This week's figures showing a further increase of 32,000 in the underlying level of unest-ployment has strengthened the position of those wanting to inject extra demand.

demand will take is still an open question. The Chancelor has been looking at both value-added tax and income tax to see which would make a better way of reducing the tax bill.

Cuts in income tax seem to
be the likelist way of achieving

Mr Healey's coal.

A cut in VAT would have an

immediate effect on the rate of inflation, and would be fairly easy to carry out. Against that indirect taxes account for a fairly small proportion of the total tax take, and the Treasury wants to reverse the decline in this over the years.

Internal administrative problems of cutting income tax are what are causing most trouble. Income tax has been changed outside of an April budget only twice in recent times, once during the war and once by Philip Snowden in the 1930s.

None the less the Inland Revenue could probably cope There may also be some measures aimed directly at boosting employment.
One factor, which reinforces
the Gorennest's thinking to
favour of domestic stimulation is the feeling that the latest

world trace
The Chancelor is likely to
be pressing for more action when he meets other finance ministers in Washington next

Referendum poll

Two people out of three sup-port Mrs Thatcher's suggestion that a confrontation with strikers affecting the nation and unions should be the subject of a referendum, according to a survey by Market and Opinion Research published in today's Daily Express. It also indicates that the Tories have a 7 per cent lead over Labour. that the Tories have a 7 per given special treatment to meet cent lead over Labour.

Councils back pay limits, page 2 the same way as, for example,

Fears that violence or illegal blacking may harm Government's election chances

Union preparing for withdrawal from Grunwi ck dispute

It seems almost certain that It seems almost certain that the Association of Professional, Clerical and Computer Strift (Apex), the union involved in the 13-month-old dispute at the Grunwick film-processing plant, is reluctantly preparing to pull our and accord defeat. out and accept defeat.

No decision has yet been taken by Mr Roy Grantham, the union's general secretary, about such a move. But the union recognizes that there are no factics available for winning the dispute that are not either illegal or damaging to the electoral chances of the Government.

The union's pessimism emerging only a month after the publication of the report of Lord Justice Scarman's

ized inside the factory.

A week after the report Grunwick rejected the recom-mendations. Mr Grantham has since been meeting various unions with a view to mounting a blockade on essential

supplies to the company.

But the supply industry is a difficult area for organizing effective industrial action, and Apex knows that Grunwick has many alternative sources of materials, even short-life chemi-cals, which, unlike much of the resources used by Grunwick, cannot be stockpiled.

Attempts to get workers in

court of inquiry, which found in favour of the union. The report said that as many as pussible of the 91 people on strake should be reinstated, and that a union should be recognized in its detail and the recognized in its detail an tions in Nigeria.

Furthermore Grunwick is now at the end of its busy summer season. The months ahead are a quiet time for the factory, and is less vulnerable a a result. The only action that Grunwick fears is the disconnexion of public services, such as the

post, electricity and water. Although there is sympathy Apex from service unions such as the Union of Post Office Workers, the General and Municipal Workers' Union, and the Transport and General Workers' Union, their leaders know that the blacking of services is

Mass picketing has already been shown to be ineffective in terms of forcing the company to give in, although effective politically in that the June violence resulted in the court

of inquiry.
There is also neary pressure on Mr Grantham from the Government through the TUC not to do anything that would harm Labour's chances in a sudden election. It is felt that violent scenes or illegal blacking would play into the hands of the fories, who at the moment are divided about the closed shop and Grunwick,

Apex, which has been paying £30 a week each to 91 strikers for most of this year and has

illegal and renders them liable had to divert many of its scarce to have assets seized in the resources to the dispute, is now caught between the pressure from the Government and the frustration of the strike committee, whose members are still

picketing outside the factory The matter of blacking public services is being raised at the TUC general purposes commit-tee on Monday and the general council meeting on Wednesday. The strike committee, which is now talking in terms of unofficial blacking of services and renewed mass picketing, is hoping for TUC support.

Bur Apex feels that the only way that services can be effect tively blacked is through the election of a new Labour Gor-ernment which would be free to change the law in respect of sympathetic action.

Sir Eric Miller shoots himself as fraud investigation opens

Sir Eric Miller, whose career as head of Peachey Properties, Britain's biggest residential property company, is being in vestigated by the Director of Public Prosecutions, the fraud squad, and the Department of Trade, shot himself dead yesterday. He was 50.

He was found with severe head injuries in the garden of his home, Rathmore Lodge, Little Eoltons, Chelsea, by his wife and daughter early in the morning, a pistol by his side. He owned a Walther PPK 7.65 automaric which he kept for target shooting. He died three hours later in St Stephen's

Hospital, near by.

A close friend of Sir Harold
Wilson and of Lady Falkender, Sir Eric, who was a member of the Labour Party, was knighted in the former Prime Minister's Resignation Honours last year. He was a devout Jew, and was reported to have spent £250,000 on his son's Bar Mitzvah in Israel. He died on Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement.
At the time of his death Sir
Eric was the subject of three
writs issued by the Department of Trade and four by the
Peachey company. The latter
four claimed a rotal of £265,000
from him.

The Department of Trade in-vestigation into his business affairs is to continue, but the Director of Public Prosecutions' officials will decide today whether possible criminal charges should be dropped. The fraud squad's inquiries are at an early stage, and Sir Eric had not been interviewed.

Sir Eric's rise to fortune Sir Eric's rise to fortune began at the age of 16, when he entered the office of an estate agent in the West End. By the age of 24 he had set up in his own business, and by 34 he was a millionaire. He remained inconspicuous, unknown outside the City, until 1974, when he lent Sir Harold his Bell Jet Ranger heliconter for Bell Jet Ranger helicopter for the Prime Minister's use during the election campaign,

He built Peachey Properties into a £40m empire and lived the life of a tycoon, with expensive cars and visits to Annabel's the fashionable London night club, sometimes in the company of Lady Falkender. He was also a dire Fulham Football Club. director of Sir Eric's empire began to

turn sour on him in March, this year, when it was disclosed that a £200,000 deposit had been paid on a £1m 10-seat executive jet, ordered on behalf of the Peachey company. Directors could recall no board room decision to buy the aircraft, and the order was cancelled 10 days before it. before it was due to delivered. Sir Eric resigned.

After a turbulent annual meeting in May Sir Eric, who then owned 504,000 of Peachey's 24 million shares, was removed from the board by a vote of the shareholders, Investigations into his business activities began soon afterwards. After his resignation Sir Eric

denied that there had been any irregularities in his business life, and said there was a whispering campaign against him in the City.

Only a few days ago the Peachey company, now under the chairmanship of Lord Mais, a former Lord Mayor of London, completed a list of the expenses incurred by Sir Eric during his chairmanship; they are in addition to loans total. are in addition to loans total-ling £177,671 obtained from Peachey subsidiaries by him.

Poachey subsidiaries by him.

On Monday the Daily Mirror published allegations that Sir Eric had forged a letter purporting to have come from a bank, said to concern a £130,000 account and typed by a former secretary at Fulham Football Club. In reply to the allegations, Sir Eric said that "this whole business" was turning into a witch-hunt. Lord Mais said yesterday

that the company was anxious to obtain money to which it was entitled. He knew of personal vendetta against Sir Eric. Sir Harold Wilson, whose home at Ashley Gardens, Victoria, is owned by Peachey Properties, declined to com-

The warden of the Central Synagogue, St Marylebone, at which Sir Eric worshipped, said be had been hounded to death the media, and that all he had been accused of amounted only to a technical offence.

Mr Ernest Clay, chairman of Fulham Football Club, said it had been decided to name the club's new stand after Sir Eric in recognition of his services to the club.



Mr Nicholas Scott: On left

Campaign to oust Tory MP started last year

By Peter Strafford

The covert campdign by some right-wing members of the Chelsea Conservative Association to disledge Mr Nicholas Scott, MP for Kensington and Chelsea, Chelsea, got under way before the and of last cover before the end of last year, according to correspondence that has become available.

It is also clear that Mr Neville Beale, the present chairman of the association, fire passed on the complaints of the malcontents. Mr Beale was a vice-chairman before becoming chairman earlier this year, and he wrote on November 20 to Mr Michael Craig-Cooper, the chairman, about Mr Scott, who was elected in October, 1974.

"There seems to be a vide measure of dissatisfaction with him", Mr Beale wrote. This partly reflects a feeling that his marital situation was misrepre-sented in order to support his adoption. There is also some concern at his own position in the political spectrum—whether you define that as 'left' versus 'right' or Heath versus Thatcher, etc."

In another letter to Mr Craig-Cooper, written on December 29, Mr Beale referred to a journalist's inquiry he had received about a report that Chelsea was taking steps to get rid of Mr Scott. "I played it rid of Mr Scott. "I played it 'rague', expressing surprise at the notion", be wrote.

Someone, he suggested, had talked. He continued: "May I suggest that we all play it vague." A complete denial that there is dissatisfaction would be untrue, while a factual statement of the points we do plan to put to Nicholas would be indiscreer and only lead to more questions."

The campaign came to a head at a meeting of the constituency selection committee last Mon-A TOSKI mending Mr Scott's readoution was shelved; instead, there was a vote of 11 to 10 in fevour of an amendment by which Mr. Scott would be considered with

some others. Mr Beale, in a letter to The Times yesterday, denied that ideological matters were the main criticism directed against Mr Scott. He also denied sug-

gestions that he was leading a campaign against Mr Scott.
In fact, while criticism of Mr Scott's position on the left of the party was not the only point brought against him last Monday, it was certainly a part of the case against him, which was

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Share prices slump again

Share prices fell sharply again Share prices fell sharply again on the London stock market yesterday, with the FT Index losing 14.5 points to close at 505.5. The losses were blamed on another batch of disappointing company profits which reinforced investors' doubts about the health of some sections of British industry Page 17

Another £20m for Rolls-Royce

Rolls-Royce has received a 520m cash injection from the National Emerprise Board. This takes the form of a loan and share capital, and follows devices the presentations between the tailed negotiations between the company, the NEB and the De-partment of Industry Page 17

Lance departure helps President

The resignation of Mr Bert Lance as Director of the Budget has removed a disrupting prob-lem from the Washington scene. President Carter should now be able to resume work on urgent internal and external issues

Cheap flights: Final obstacles have been removed in the way of Laker Airways' cheap trans-arlantic flights, which begin on Farmers' plea: Mr Silkin, Mini-

ster of Agriculture, has rejected pleas by the farmers' unions for a devaluation of the "green pound." Vietnamese: Refugees rescued from sea by Norwegian ship produce the woman who organized their escape 8

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Lull in Lebanon

Palestinian guerrillas occupying a Crusader castle kept watch for Israeli tanks as all sides in the Lebanon fighting rested their troops. Lorries and tankers were seen moving up supplies from the Israeli border

Theatre gift: Mr Donald Sinden, chairman of the British Theatre Museum, accepting from Miss Lynn Fouranne a copy of Shakespeare's

King Lear, with a celebrated actress's advice to a young girl. The actress was Ellen Terry, who

appeared as Cordella opposite Henry Irving in 1892. She was impressed by the young Lynn Fontanne, who was taken to see her and to whom she gave her copy of the play. It is heavily

From Diana Geddes

Sheffield

fighting

Education Correspondent

Provision should be made in

schools for the exceptionally gifted child, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday. She also called for more choice

for parents in the type of school to which they could send their

It is the first time that Mrs

Williams has suggested in public that the child with an abnormally high IQ should be

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Letters: On school governors, from Mr A. G. Groves; and Mr James W. Hornby; on Marxists in universities, from Professor R. F. Leslie; and on the ordination of women, from the Dean of St Albans, and Mr D. C. Miller Leading articles: Mr Lance; Mackie's pay deal Arts, page 9
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warket in Dunlop's figures; Vickers and the compensation debate; Amer lends Group Lotus a hand a hand.

Stock markets: Equities fell sharply in late trading and the FT Index closed 14.5 down at 505.5. Long gilts rose £1.50 on a strong foreign demand Business features : Kenneth Owen

on why there is more to the Atomic Energy Authority than nuclear power; Acthur Reed on the threat to cheap travel posed by Skytrain Business Diary: Departure of one

Briton feared murdered in Uganda

Ministerial aid for gifted pupils

spectors and Educational Advisers, which represents 2,300 school advisory staff employed by local authorities. About 700

are educational psychologists,

who play an important part in identifying gifted pupils.

Mrs Williams said she did not accept that there was any antagonism between the highest academic and pastoral standards and equal educational opportunities for children.

Equality of connecturity must

Equality of opportunity must be established through second-

From Charles Harrison Nairobi, Sept 22 Mr. Robert Scanlon, the British-born engineer arrested in Uganda early in June on a charge of spying, is feared to

Uganda radio today quoted a military spokesman as saying that Mr Scanlon had escaped two weeks ago from a military prison somewhere in Uganda. prison somewhere in Uganda.

The spokesman said he had been arrested "while on a spying mission for the British imperialists", and added: "It was apparent that Scanlon was stolen from prison by the British imperialist intelligence

for whom he was spying.

"As such, the Uganda
Government no longer holds
itself responsible for him, It is the British imperialists who have stolen him who are now resoonsible for him." Informed sources here con-sider there is no possibility that Mr. Scanlon is still alive and

believe he has probably been murdered while in custody. However, there is no evidence and there may never be any. He has not been seen by any diplomatic or other independent observer since his arrest. Mrs Scanlon left Uganda recently for Britain.

The radio announced that Mr Scanlon was due to appear for trial next week, although no hint had ever been given before that he was about to be tried. It recalled how Mr Scanlon was grante: Ugandan citizenship in 1975, when he was

among Britons who carried President Amin in a chair, in a "stunt" designed to illustrate the white man's burden. Mr Scanlon had been in Uganda for more than 10 years, and at one time ran his own electrical contracting business. He had recently been engaged as service manager for Cooper

A Uganda Army officer and three Air Force officers have been charged with treason and plotting to overthrow President Amin in June.

Cuts bring 'the decline of British science'

By Pearce Wright The decline of British science was marked formally yesterday. It came from Sir Sam Edwards, FRS, who said that the Science Research Council, from which he retired as chairman this month, "cannot fulfil its obliga-tions".

The effects of inflation and

who need one kind of positive discrimination or another in their favour if that phrase [equal opportunity] is to be anything other than a markets?"

She said she meant in par-ticular ethnic minorities, children who live in high-rise

flats, the handicapped, the dyslexic, and even the excep-tionally gifted who make

special demands on the educa-tional system to which it must be sensitive enough to respond. More choice, page 4

anything other mockery".

annotated with her notes on the part and the production. With it she added an accompanying note, which reads, in part: "Don't worry about the words—but rather the significance of the words—the meaning of the words, Get the character of Cordelia through her words and the words spoken about her." The script was bound in brocade by Miss Fontanne, who has owned it for more than seventy years. She was married to Alfred Lunr, who died last menth.

applies to groups of disadvan-taged children.

She was speaking at the recognize that there are groups annual conference of the within the school community National Association of In-who need one kind of positive

The effects of inflation and government policies over the past few years produced, first, an enforced moratorium on scientific development, which had turned into an erosion of standards in the United Kingdom of higher education and research.

research.

He made clear that some of
the most huriful economies
were in subjects in which contributions from the universities and research groups were open-

ing new fields in science.

That applies particularly to astronomy and space research, which is facing a £5m a year cut. Work on special X-ray telescopes designed for launching above the atmosphere by sounding rockets and space craft are producing a new map the sky, with stars and galaxies observed, not seen from terrestial telescopes on the earth. There is a comparable situation in high-energy particle physics.

The latter was a subject of astonishing richness, he said. other branches of research. The simple point is that the of engineering and science.

Science Research Council underpins the bulk of research in natural sciences by supporting natural sciences by supporting more than three thousand young postgraduates, by paying for special research equipment in universities and by providing a number of its own large research institutes such as the Appleton Laboratory (for radio research), the Royal Greenwich Observatory and Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, the Daresbury and Rutherford laboratories (for high-energy physics and laser research). They provide national centres containing immensely expensive equipment for "big science" projects.

Sir Sam became chairman of the council when the provisional budger five years ago was 5145m a year with a plan for an increase to £162m by 1977. In practice the present amount is £133m, which represents a decline to minus 8.4 per cent as opposed to an expected 12 per

cent growth He said the council needed an additional £25m over the next five years.

In present economic circumstances the council has been forced to reduce the high energy physics and space science programmes, at the sacrifice of much excellent reand was one of those areas of search and under-exploitation of research in which excitement international research facilities, could engender enthusiasm in available to the council, in order to sustain other branches

Three cut way out of cell

Three Italians, alleged to be Magistrates' Court, Arbour involved in a £172m inter- Square, Stepney, took the national fraud, cut their way to louvred windows from a roof national fraud, cut their way to freedom from an east London

ourt cell vesterday.

The three men were named as Umberto Frascatti, aged 35, court cell vesterday. breaking our grappled with one a bank manager; Autonio of them on a rooftop in an un- Papalia, aged 32, a Canadian of them on a rooftop in an unsuccessful artempt to stop citizen; and Pier Luigi Torri, them. Two other prisoners try- ared 33, a banker. The police ing to escape were stopped.

ventilator and crawled through allege that they tried to defraud A police officer said the men people by getting them to in-cut a bar in their cell at Thames west up to \$300m in mining

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Minister attacks Labour study group proposals to cut defence spending by £1,800m

The controversial report by a Labour Party study group that urges the Government to cut Britain's defence spending by an annual £1,800m was finally unveiled yesterday.

Its object, according to Mr Ian Mikardo, MP, chairman of the group, is to show how the defence portion of the gross national product could be reduced to the same level as that of our main European

The study, which is being published as a paperback, Sense about Defence, does not Sense about Defence, does not include a dissenting report by three government members of the group, Mr Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence, Mr Wellbeloved, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the RAF, and Mr Tomlinson, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Mr Mikardo said their critique had arrived too late.

too late.

He added that it was also too late for the study to form the basis for discussion at this year's party conference. Mr Gilbert called his own

press briefing. He emphasized that the proposals do not form part of the policy of the Labour Party or even its national executive. Further defence cuts would be undesirable, he said, and the cuterwise. and the substantial reductions envisaged by the group would be highly irresponsible.

Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, who is in Saudi Arabia this week signing a new £500m defence contract, has already dissociated himself from the group and its findings.

The response from the Con-servative Party was swift and aggressive yesterday. Sir Im

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said the report was the "same old dreary gramophone record transport fleets. But spending of the extreme left." The proposals were ridiculous. The Harrier and Jaguar aircraft to Government needed to raise defence spending rather than Tornado.

of the Conservative defence committee, said the book was not entitled to be taken seriously.

The study group, which has academics, trade unionists and MPs among its 33 members, suggests several package options, each of which would save £1,000m at 1975 prices by 1980-81, a long-standing target of the party's left wing.

All the three main packages include scrapping the Polaris strategic deterrent force to save £75m, reducing those British forces remaining out-side the Nato areas (£25m) and in support costs The remaining £550m would

The remaining £550m would be found by adopting any two of the following three options:
Royal Navy: Paying off the Ark Royal and the Hermes aircraft carriers and the Fearless and Intrepid amphibious warfare ships; caucelling the second and third of the Invincible class of anti-submarine vincible class of anti-submarine cruisers and the Sea Harrier aircraft programme; running down submarine activity and "stretching" the building pro-gramme for nuclear-powered ttack submarines, frigates and

destroyers; Army: Reducing the British Army of the Rhine from 55,000 troops to about 30,000 with appropriate equipment losses

Cancelling both variants of the Tornado multi-

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reductions in the tanker and compensate for the loss of the

The report comments "There is no suggestion of disarming Britain and we cer-tainly hope that the debate on these proposals will recognize that we are proposing to defend ourselves in a more rational way, at a more appropriate cost.

The report argues that the

The report argues that the Soviet Union is more interested in preserving the status quo than in aggression against the West. It emphasizes that it does not want Britain's Nato allies to make good any losses in the make good any losses in the country's contribution. The losses would be small anyway. The proposed reduction in the size of BAOR would amount to only 3.9 per cent of Nato com-bat and direct-support troops in North and Central Europe.

Mr Mikardo argued at a press
conference at Transport House yesterday that to raise Nato spending would only fuel the arguments of hawks in the Kremlin, whereas the West

who would prefer to pursue detente policies. The report estimates that nearly a million people are employed in the defence sector. A further 350,000 are indirectly employed on armaments works.

should encourage those Russians

ments work.
Cuts of £1.800m would mean
the loss of 50,000 jobs a year
for five years, it estimates, and
acknowledges that there would
be difficulties in some areas.
But 180,000 recole charge jobs But 180,000 people change jobs every year anyway. Sense about Defence (Quartet Books, 950).

Dewars

Large wage increase sought by seamen

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

A "substantial" pay claim was lodged with the General Council of British Shipping yesterday by the National Union of Seamen. It came a day after the Merchant Navy officers bad presented a demand for 17 per

The council said it would consult member companies before replying to the claim on November 8, but it made clear that the closest attention would be paid to the Government's 10 per cent guidelines.

The seamen's four-point claim raises the contentious issue of "captive" time, which is when a man is required to stay on board outside normal working hours but may not be called

on to work.

The union wants an increase in annual holiday leave and compensatory leave. The menow get 61 days a year, of which 34 are compensation for weekends at sea. Last year the weekends at sea. Last year the employers promised to increase compensatory days by 11 when pay policy allowed, and to give more annual leave.

The union is also seeking con-solidation of the 5 per cent phase two supplement into basic rates for calculation for

overtime pay.

The executive of the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association is to meet next Friday to consider its response to pay talks with the response to pay tanks with the employers two days ago. Four unions representing 45.000 officers are planning a joint approach with the General Council of British Shipping to try to synchronize the pay anniversary date with the seamen.

Big city councils back Chancellor's wage limits

the prospects of sustaining the Government's income policy in the public sector improved significantly yesterday when leaders of the big city countils unanimously agreed to support pay restraint. Their decision sets the pattern for public-service wage negotiations covering nearly 2,500,000 workers.

Ministers will however, draw only limited satisfaction from a only limited satisfaction from a policy decision by the Transport and General Workers' Union. The union's executive council is understood to be backing the 12-month rule, which allows only one pay rise a year, but negotiators will not be bound by the Government's 10 per cent limit on increases in carnings.

on increases in carnings.

The Association of Municipal Authorities, representing the seven big cities, decided to sup-port a directive from the Local

abour Editor that all settlements in the coming year must keep within Mr.
The prospects of sustaining Healey's guideline of singlefigure increases, to keep the rise in earnings to 10 per cent. The pressure from local auth-The pressure from local authorities extends beyond pay to the political postures councils should adopt. A confidential circular from Mr Brian Rushbridge, secretary of Lacsab, impresses on authorities the need to avoid negotiating local agreements and public statements and/or resolutions that bear upon national wage bargaining.

upon national wage bargaining. The Government regards forthcoming negotiations in the forthcoming negotiations in the public service as highly sensitive. Mr Jack Smart, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said: "We are totally committed to supporting the Government's pay policy guidelines. There can be no robbing Peter to pay Paul within the local government sector. Settlements beyond the

with one group of employees in the hope that another group will settle for less.

"All local authorities should act together on this, Individual. authorities must resist the pressures and temptations to go it alone and make individual settlements outside the guide-

The AMA chairman added that the consequences of fail-ing to hold to the guidelines would be "dire indeed", not only in financial terms, since local government is circum-scribed by cash limits, but also for employment prospects.

Local government employ-ment in England and Wales now totals almost 2,500,000, or one in 12 of the nation's labour force. Three main groups ac-count for most of the £7,300m annual wage bill: manual work-

November 1; teachers, £2,600m. whose settlement is due on whose settement is the on April 1 next year; and administrative, professional and technical staff, whose salaties total f1800m a year and who are not due for their next rise infil July 1 next. Two other groups who are claiming special case treat-ment for rises two or three times bigger than the Covern ment's norm, policessen and firemen, are also covered by

negotiations this autumn under the public service umbrella. Mr Smart made clear yesterday that special treatment for those groups would be paid for by the Covernment rather than the ratepayers.

Shop stewards representing 20,000 Chrysler car workers decided yesterday to accept a phase two settlement.

Threat of strike against sanctions

From Christopher Walker

Opposition mounted throughout Northern Ireland yesterday to the Government's threat to impose financial sanctions against a Belfast engineering firm that recently negotiated a 22 per cent pay deal with its four thousand workers.

Last night Mr James Graham, secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, said the matter might develop into a clash with the Government.
At noon the deadline for the

ultimatum imposed on the tex-tile machinery firm of James Mackie and Son passed with no

iob for

hard work

An industrial tribunal at Birmingham ruled yesterday that it was wrong to dismiss a

woman for working too hard. It ordered £467 compensation for Mrs Evelyn Mackenzie, aged 35, of Glascote Heath; Tamworth, for unfair dismissal.

The tribunal said the sum would have been bigger if Mrs Mackenzie had not been a fifth

Mackenzie had not been a fifth to blame. She had disobeyed

orders to take as a night off one of her six night shifts a week between Monday and Saturday.

Mrs Mackenzie was night shift superintendent for the Birmingham Taxi Owners' Association. She earned £54 a

week, including overtime, for organizing the work of radio-controlled taxis.

After the hearing she said:

I worked six nights a week

for four years. It was necessary to get the job done."

Undertakings that a social work course threatened with

as planned were given to Mr Justice Lawson by the authori-

ries of the North East London

Students had backed legal

action to keep the cours open.

Twenty nine students had been

accepted for the two-year course, due to start on Monday.

Polytechnic yesterday. The National Union

Bakers' leader

resigns because

of ' left influence ' Mr Christopher Child has

Workers' Union because of the left-wing influence in its leader-

Mr Child, who has been national president for eight years and a member of the union for 30 years, said last night that it was a matter of

the recent national strike, which was unnecessary. The union had not gone through the conciliation procedure, and many things could have been done.

done.

He said his resignation had

Couple accused

also charged with possessing

intent to commit an offence at Banstead Road, Ewell.

As fire investigators searched the wreckage of a warehouse

at Reading, in which two fire-men died and studied hundreds

of photographs and film shots of the fire, Mr Thomas Ingram, deputy chief fire officer for

Berkshire, said yesterday: "Arson has not been ruled

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College course

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or workers were prepared to climb down. Negotiations between senior civil servants and company executives continued. The company is noted for its obsessive secrecy.

Workers at the main factory
in the back streets of west

in the back streets of west Belfast threatened as imme-diate walk-out if any renego-tiated deal resulted in a cut in the extra pay they have been taking home since August 1. Many pointed out that wages at the company were much at the company were much lower than those paid in com-parable local industries. Last night Stormont sources

put in by workers at 14 engineering works in the private sector, it was learnt yesterday only four are below 30 per cent. There is one claim for 45 per cent and another for 40 per

cent and another for 40 per-cent.

Mr Concannon, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, threatened withdrawal of export credit guarantees cover-ing orders from Vietnam and Tanzania worth well over fom. Hundreds of jobs might be at risk, and other companies would be seriously affected if the Vietnam order had to be strapped.

scrapped. Leading article, page 13 Woman loses | Concern in Chelsea over

Among the other points raised were Mr Scott's separaraises were an south a separa-tion and subsequent divorce, which had brought unfavour-able publicity in Mr Beak's view; his association with certain companies in property and secondary banking; and criticisms that he had neglected the constituency. Mr Beale conceded that Mr Scott had taken steps to answer the criticisms. Mr Beale pointed out that Mr

Tory MP's views

Scott had been honorary president of the Tory Reform Group since its formation in 1975. He continued: "He also appears to back various causes which are no doubt valid in themselves but haven also to be selves but happen also to be themes advocated by Edward Heath, allegedly to differen-tiate himself from Margaret Thatcher.

"These include devolution to a Scottish assembly, electoral reform at Westminster, direct elections to the European Par-liament by a system of propor-tional representation, etc. Rightly or wrongly, Scott is looked upon as a leading mem-

ber of an "spti-Thatcher" group, although he stoudy de-nies this." Mr Beele conceded, Mr Scott had made no secret of the fact that he was generally on the left of the party. That attifude seemed to lead but to support causes that Mr Beale thought were questionable, such as Shelter and Crisis at Christmas.

Apart from his letter to The

Times, Mr Beale has been reluctant to comment. At the Chelsea

constituency office yesterday

his assistant said he had been our since-early morning, and she did not know where he was. On the other hand, Mr Craig-Cooper made no bones about his Cooper made no bones about his irritation with Mr Beale's methods. He was particularly incensed by the implication, as he saw it, in Mr Beale's letter to The Times that it was be (Mr Craig-Cooper) who had started investigating complaints against Mr Scott while he was still chairman of the associastill chairman of the associa-

"I consider that I have been extremely badly treated by Beale", he said. "I really did expect, after my period of office ended in February, and in view of the financial formation that had been achieved that I would have been allowed what I would consider a well earned rest from the affairs of the Chelsea Conservative Association."

Mr. Craig-Cooper regards him-self as being to the right of Mr Scott, and to the left of Mr He also complains of having

been at the receiving end of harassing communications from Mr Beale during the final phase of his chairmanship. He says he reported Mr Beale's Central Office.

The next step in the controv ersy will be a meeting next Tuesday of the constituency party's executive, when Mr Scott is expected to defend his

One factor in the dispute is the feeling among the Chelsea Young Conservatives that there should be a more open method

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Compulsory Mili Britain Prime Mir seat belts for Ulster

From a Staff Reporter
Belfast
The Government is planning to make the wearing of sea belts compulsory for all driver; and front-seat passengers
Northern Ireland for a limited experimental period beginnin early next year.

It is understood that the controversial announcement will be made in a speech to be dilivered in Newcastle, to Down tomight by Mr Carrer, Under Secretary of State at the North ern Ireland Office.

The decision is believed thave been taken partly as result of police pressure because of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province, which is notorious for the province of the secretary in province of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province, which is notorious for the province of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province of the continuing higher level of road accidents in the province of the continuing higher level of the province of the pr

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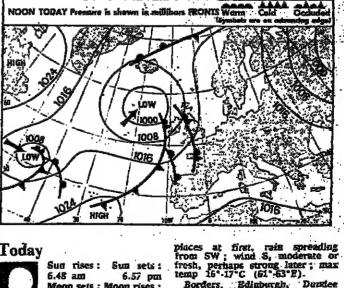
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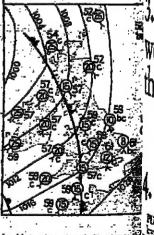
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Yesterday London: Temp: max 7 am-pm, 14°C (57°F); min, 7°M 7 am, 11°C (52°F). Humkill pm. 78 per cent. Rain, 246° 7 pm, 81. Sun, 246° to 7 pm, Bar, meson sea level, 7 pm, 13 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

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cabinet, pocket tape recorder and any other union property. Full moon: September 27. Lighting up: 7.27 pm to 6.20 am. Two Americans were remar ded in custody for a week by magistrates at Epsom, Surrey, yesterday accused of abducting Mr Kirk Anderson, aged 21, a Miss Joyce McInney, aged 27, and Keith Joseph May, aged 24, were charged with forcibly abducting and unlawfully abducting and unlawfully imprisoning Mr Anderson at Okehampron Devon They were

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National Front banned The controlling Labour group on Islington Borough Council, London, has voted to ban the National Front from public hulls but local Conservatives have attacked the move on the ground that it is a threat to

been accepted in a letter from Mr Samuel Maddox, general secretary of the union. He had been given three days to return his keys, briefcasse, metal filing cabinet, pocket, tang recorder Today

A ridge of high pressure over the North Sea will move away as troughs of low pressure move NE towards W Britain. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight

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The Prime Minister, most of the Cabinet and the majority of Labour supporters say no, but last year the Labour Party Conference voted in favour of nationalisation.

We (the banks named below) have been asking you, through these Banks Debate Broadsheets, what you think.

Every day the issue becomes more widely discussed, as we see from our postbag.

So far, over 28,000 have taken part in the Debate. And over 90% of them wrote to tell us

that, for many reasons, they are against bank nationalisation.

Independent polls.

Since the Debate was opened, there have also been two public opinion polls by independent organisations on this important issue. Both interviewed a complete cross section of the British public. One was conducted in July by Market & Opinion Research International (MORI) and the other in August by Gallup.

One of MORI's questions asked, "Do you think this industry (banking) should be nationalised?" 74% said no; 14% said yes. The remainder were uncommitted.

Concerning the Banks Debate itself, 90% of people said that they liked being given the chance to express their views. So we're printing some of the actual questions from both polls here, with the results. You might like to tick the appropriate boxes and see whether your opinion matches up with the majority view.

If you'd like to send us the page when you've filled it in, we will be pleased to add it to the growing fund of information on the public's opinion about the future of its banks.

Banks and their customers.

1. "If the banks were nationalised, custom-

ers would get better service than they do now."

2. "If the banks were nationalised, bank charges would go up."



PUBLIC OPINION

YOUR OPINION Theywouldn't

3. "If the banks were nationalised, there would be a wider choice of services than

there is at present."

4. "If the banks were nationalised, the

standard of manage-ment would rise."

Banks and Britain.

5. "If the banks were nationalised, do you think they would do a better or worse job

for Britain?"

6. "If the banks were nationalised, it would be good for investment in Britain."

YOUR OPINION It wouldn't

Banks and Investment.

7. "The Government would be likely to make better use of the banks' money than the banks do now."

8. "The Government would use some of banks' customers' money to support unsuccessful businesses."

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9. "If the banks were nationalised, people would be less willing to save or invest their money in them."

What's your opinion?

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Debate." Or you can post it to us at the address on the right.



Appeals to

green pound

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agri-

culture, Fisheries and Food.

yesterday again rejected pleas

by the leaders of the United

Kingdom's farmers' unions for

a devaluation of the "green

pound". Devaluation would raise farmers' prices but also

increase food prices.
The farmers, led by Sir Henry

Plumb president of the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales, had asked

Mr Silkin for a devaluation of

12} to 7! per cent now and 5 per cent at the end of the

Mr Silkin said the prospects

for farmers in the coming months were brighter. With the prospect of forecasts of a

numper harvest this year being

proved true and with plentiful supplies of fodder for livestock

this winter, he maintained an optimistic outlook for the farm-

"The industry has recovered

well from last year's drought and in several major sectors production this year is showing

a marked improvement. Feed-ingstuff prices have fallen and

the industry generally can face the winter with some confi-

The NFU said later that it

believed that the decision not

to devalue was wrong. Unsatis-factory production trends could

be reversed and the Govern-ment's policy of agricultural expansion implemented only if farmers had the resources and

confidence to undertake the

An early decision on milk prices after next January and a recalculation of the monetary

necessary investment.

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rejected

A Conservative government would restore direct-grupt schools and initiate financial assistance for parents who chose to send their children to them, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, opposition spokesman on education, said yesterday. I.: a party policy statement.

he said that he revival and enlargement of the direct-tront system was a high viority of the Conservatives. en distatutory support for it would be sought through Pargrammar and independent sperate an "assisted places schools to them to provide a acheme", whereby parents geographical spread throughwould be subsidized in paying our the country. tuition fees according to thir

The Conservatives acknowleaged the role of comprehensive schools in the mainstream of secondary education for the foreseeable future but there remained a need for selective

difficulties

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Many schools find it diffi-

ing difficulties in the city

Other pressures on teachers include the question of how to

reply to criticism from outside the school and how to persuade

parents and pupils of the value of academic discipline and work

in a world where those quali-

ties did not necessarily lead to

Mr Crawford's report has

been considered by several sub-committees of the education committee, to which it will be presented next week. He will be following up its main con-

clusions and a copy will be sent to the Department of Edu-cation and Science.

Mr Crawford says that not all

and educating for earning is a

problem urgently deserving furtner attention. Agam. al-

though new examinations had fostered the development of

assessment techniques over a

wide range of skills and activi

ties. "some courses and certifi-cates have not gained credibil-ity with the outside world by

comparison with the traditional

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From Arthur Osman

Birmingham

lar subjects and striving for o fthe country to have the Fred Jarvis, its general secre-high academic standards, "The chance to compete for a place tary, said: "Our impression is ex-direct-grant schools are centres of academic excellence school."

and can provide a good education for gifted children who, as the Secretary of State herself ha: admitted, cannot be suitably educate din comprehensive schools', he said. The Conservatives would aim

to restore the status of the 172 former direct-grant schools in England and Wales, and add enough former maintained grainmar and independent

ou the country.

"All the available money from public funds would be devoted to a scheme for the partial or total remission of tuition fees for day pupils and with a generous income scale". The Mr St John-Stevas said. "We sharp

for their child at a direct-grant

Government, largely by-passing administration by local education authorities. He estimated that the scheme would cost about £50m a year to run, com-pared with £38m paid to direct schools in 1975-76, their last full year in operation.

A minimum of a quarter of entrants to the direct-grant schools would be drawn from local state primary schools. He saw direct-grant schools threat to the comprehensive move that would encourage system but as a means of filling independent and maintained threat to the comprehensive some gaps and widening schools to work more closely parents' educational choice for together, he was not sure that parents'

boarders alike, in accordance their children, with a generous income scale". The announcement brought a Mr St John-Stevas said. "We sharp response from the

report, published earlier this week, which advocates more

power for parents on school governing bodies, she said she

hoped that it would stimulate a

But beyond Taylor, Mrs

lot of discussion and that

people would not try to make up their minds on it too

Williams said, there remained

such matters as bow much information purents should get

want every parent in every part National Union of Teachers. Mr that the general wish of the population is for selection in Subsidies to parents would secondary education to be be available directly from the phased out. The resuscitation of highly selective schools would be an unwelcome attempt to put

the clock back by several years." The proposals were given only a lukewarm reception by members of the Headmasters Conference, which includes 75 of the 119 former direct grant schools that have decided to go independent.

Dr John Rae, chairman of the conference, and Headmaster Westminster School, said that, while he welcomed any reopening the direct-grant list was the best means of achieving that cooperation.

what extent the wishes of par-ents on the choice of school

On the appointment of head teachers, Mrs Williams said much more needed to be done

in their regining before as well as after their appointment. A half-hour interview was not

She would be in favour of something along the lines of the staff training college for civil servants where courses would be given to those wanting to

apply for headships, where they would be trained and assessed

City teaching Minister calls for greater choice ference of the National Associ- fifth and sixth forms: and to

adequate.

ation of Inspectors and Educa-tional Advisers, in Sheffield, she referred to the growing interest of parents in the edu-cation system. On the Taylor report system on the Taylor teachers, Mrs Will

From Our Education Correspondent

Parents should have more choice between different types of school, provided it was not just a question of getting the best for their own child at the cult to give pupils a realistic insight into the world of work, Mr. J. M. Crawford. Chief Education Officer of Birming-ham, says in a report on teachexpense of others, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said

She said she would not be against the idea that parents should be able to take account of the internal organization of had a traditional or more re-laxed system of discipline.

Speaking at the annual con-

Analysis of exam grading shows no great change From Our Education

Correspondent

Unpublished figures from employers appreciate the objectives of making changes in the curriculum "beyond providing basic literacy and numeracy and striking a balance between educating for living and ducating for living an analysis of examination grading standards show no significant move towards either creater leniency or greater severity over the seven-year period up to 1975. Sir Alex Smith, Director of Manchester Polytechnic and chairman of the Schools Council, said

Speaking of the annual con-ference of the National Association of Inspectors and Educational Advisers, he disclosed the latest research findings of Dr A. S. Wilmott whose report on the comparability of CSE and GCE grading standards up He adds that some teachers have not had the training needed to enable them to meet to 1973 caused such concroversy when it was published

The latest results of Dr Wilmott's analysis seemed to show that, while there had been a slight move towards greater leniency in the GCE sector in 1974 (0.13 of a grade), there had been an equal move back towards greater severity in

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specialist fields changing pos-In the CSE sector it had been the other way round: an apparent slight rise in standards (0.04 of a grade) in 1974 and an equally slight drop in grading standards in 1975. sibly reflecting developments at university level, and they too need the help of in-service training.

at the same time. But it would be up to the local authorities to about what schools had to be up to the local authorities to offer; whether parents should decide whether they wanted a bave a say in what their child should be able to learn in the gramme. compensatory amounts on pig-meat were also important. The minister had agreed on those points, the union said.

Independent schools can help to bridge the widening gulf between themselves and the maintained sector by contribut-ing to the maintenance of academic standards in state schools, Mr J. C. Dancy, Princi-pal of St Luke's College, Exeter, said at the annual meeting of the Headmasters' Conference, In Oxford, yesterday.

There was a feeling in many

public schools that, having taken a disproportionate share out of the pool of talent, they should put back a disproportion-ate amount of something, he said. They could do, and were already doing that, in the area of academic standards.

by encouraging the younger members of staff in independ-ent schools to join their own subject association and to share its work of curricular development, of producing journals, and organizing con-The independent schools had

already made an important contribution to the develop-ment of new curricula, such as Nuffield science and the schools mathematics project.

They could also develop a special relationship with sixth form colleges, including sharing of facilities, especially libraries, and of the less economical sub-

The enormous expertise of f academic standards. the public schools could be One way, he suggested, was used to help gifted children.

'Sixth-formers can bridge academic gap' Mr Dancy deeply regretted segregation of the independent and maintained sectors. The Government could hardly be said to be encouraging the building of bridges, he com-

mented. It had already blown up the two biggest bridges : the directgrant system and the unsystematic take-up of places by local education authorities.

It seemed also bent on blowing up one or two footbridges, namely regular inspection by mined one or two others, like the Schools Council, where there are plans to remove the independent schools only two representatives from the pro-posed new governing body.

Obstacles to Laker flights removed

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent The Civil Aviation Authority, in a decision announced vesterday, cleared the final obstacles out of the way for Laker Airways' walk-on, cheap-fare North Atlantic scheduled service to begin on Monday. It placed the Laker service

on equal terms with the stand-by services the big airlines have rushed through in opposition by agreeing that the independent mirline could sell seats from 4 am each day at the airport of departure, Gatwick, as well as town offices. It also agreed that vouchers that could be exchanged for tickets could

be sold by travel agents.
The aviation authority will rule later on whether Laker should have power to fly unlimited frequencies, rather than the one flight a day to which it is limited under the terms of its present licence.

From Monday it will be possible to fly between London and New York for £59 single on Laker. Stand-by fares on the big airlines, already on offer, are £64 single.

Laker Airways will be offer-ing a total of 2,415 seats each week. The six bigger airlines, British Airways, Pan American, Trans World, Iranair, El Al, and Air-India with licences to pick up passengers in London for New York, will be offering between them a rotal of 2,900

At a press conference in London on the annual report and accounts yesterday, Mr M. Vivian, controller of safety for the authority, reported progress on an inquiry that a subcom-mittee of the Airworthiness Requirements Board is making into the safety life of older eirliners. The inquiry was estab-lished after a failure of the tail unit of a Dan-Air Boeing

707 on a flight in Africa. Mr Vivian said: "There is no need for anyone to think there is a whole mass of air-craft flying around that are just about to break up and fall to the ground." But there might have to be more frequent inspections of older aircraft, and it could be that the increased number of inspections ineconomic to operate.

In its annual repo

report the authority said that in the finan-cial year 1976-77 it had con-verted a loss of £9m for the previous year into a profit of £263,000 on the operations where it had full financial con-

trol.
But on those activities where But on those activities where the Government's international or social policies prevented the authority from charging economic rates for its services—Eurocontrol air traffic control services and the Scottish Highlands and islands airports—the authority lost £32.9m, compared with a loss of £39.4m in the previous year. the previous year.

Liberals oppose official view on nationality

The Liberal Party's community relations panel, in a document to be submitted to-morrow to a conference in London on nationality and immigra-tion, is strongly critical of the Government's proposals for a new interpretation of British

Lord Avebury, the party's spokesman on race relations and immigration, said yesterday that there was a fundamental difference between the approach of the Government and the Liberals. While the Government continued to divide citizens into two classes, re-placing patrial and non-patrial with British citizen and British overseas citizen, the Liberals maintained that there should be

only one class of citizen. People living in dependencies and displaced United Kingdom passport holders should have the same right as British residents to enter the United Kingdom.

Paper on British nationality law

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implied that the colonies would always be colonies, while the Liberals hoped that the number of dependencies would rapidly

The new nationality law should not discriminate on grounds of either race or sex. Lord Avebury said, adding that the Green Paper condoned an element of sexual discrimina-

Lord Avebury will chair the conference, which has been called by the Joint Council on the Welfare of Immigrants and the National Association of Community Relations Councils. Blectoral reform: Political reform is one of the most urgent and pressing issues facing Britain, Mr Alan Beith, Liberal Chief Whip, said yesterday on the publication of a report to go before the Liberal Porty conference next week. The report, Reform of Government, argues the case for elec-toral reform, devolution and decentralization, a Bill of Rights, The language of the Green public participation at the grass

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Mr Joseph Harper, counsel

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tion; we do not want to stop the development", he said.

Woman in pose as man married a girl of 19

Marion Yerrill, aged 39. posed as a man to marry a girl, it was alleged at St Albans. Crown Court yesterday. Stie was said to be already married and to have convinced the "bride" and friends and relatives that she was a man. She even showed a photograph of a baby that she said was her son from a former relationship. Mrs Yerrill, of Parkfields, Welwyn Garden City, Hertford shire, pleaded guilty to signing a false declaration to obtain a a lase decision to obtain a marriage, and bigamy.

Mr Gordon Ward, for the prosecution, said: "Yerrill was born and brought up as a gir. and married as a woman ir 1967. She lived with her hus band as man and wife but

started posing as a man, wearing men's clothes and using man's name, usually Par Jennings.

"In 1975 she met Caroling Grant, aged 19, through a day ing agency and they went out together. She was trying to con

make a suitable husband.

Later she went to Hertion
Register Office and gave he
age as 23 and a marriage wa arranged.
"They lived together for two and a half months after their honeymoon but then Mr. Yerrill suddenly left. Sh

restrill suddenly left. She reappeared three days later an explained that she could no live the lie any longer."

Mr Ward said Mrs Yerri was having hormone treatmer before the offence, and it was still continuing.
Mrs Yerrill, a former privat

in the Wrac, appeared in the dock wearing a grey check sui-collar and the with short dar. hair and a beard.

She was freed by

Anwyl-Davies, QC, and given two-year conditional discharg and ordered to pay £250 cost
The judge told Mrs Yerrill "This is possibly a unique example of the cruelty in nature. You had to live wit." this burden for all these year and nothing but compassio and sympathy must go out fr your predicament, which, for

many years to come.

"You were forced to lead life of deception, but I hav properly to bear in mind the bird." deception on Miss Grant, Hohopes of happiness were bitter? hopes of happiness were unter-deshed by your disclosure."

Mr Frank Stock; for the defence, said Mrs Yerrill wean emotional wreck. She witrying to get a divorce and sex change operation. "SI was born a girl but througho her life she has had none the emotions, instincts desires of a woman."

Mrs Thatcher begins tour of Highlands

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Permanent scheme to train | Isle of Man plea over Windscale plan skilled workers proposed

By Mark Jackson, of The But the group says the comTimes Educational Supplement mission should rely on existing yesterday with a plea for permission should not be concern about the existing polThe present grants in help resigner boards and other protection. ine present grants to employers in maintaining trainee recruitment introduced employers as a means to combat youth unemployment, will end next year if the Government accepts

the recommendations of an

advisory group.
It will be replaced by a permanent scheme to ensure that industry and government agencies together train enough workers. The report of the Vital Skills Task Group drawn from the CBJ, the TUC and the education service, which was set up by Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, will go to the manpower service commissioners next week. It will recommend giving the commission overall responsibility for forecasting training require-

training boards and other industry training organizations to make most of the arrange ments, supplementing their programmes only where necessary.

Each spring the boards would be required to submit and forecast their programmes to enable the commission to decide what is needed to top up the pro-grammes and to fill any gaps. The CBI has already rejected

the idea that employers should contribute to a central training fund, and the tosk group suggests the provision of a per manent budget.

Some kinds of temporary grants will continue to be paid under the Government's new long-term programme to provide opportunities for unemployed young people.

Pressure on NUJ grows

The National Union of Journalists came under further pressure yesterday to back down from its stand over a closed shop for more than a hundred journalists centred on

ments and for ensuring that

they are met.

The National Graphical Association decided to support the TUC printing industries committee in telling the NUJ that it could not impose preconditions in a mediation move by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

decided by 10 votes to nine that any settlement arising from mediation must upbold its declared policy of seeking 100 per cent membership at Darlington.
The NGA members have

stopped work in Darlington in support of the NUJ, halting the Northern Echo and several other titles owned by North of England Newspapers.
The executive of the NU, is

to hold a meeting on Sunday ions in a mediation move by to consider its response. It has hee Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas). to the TUC printing industries Last week the NUJ executive committee by Wednesday.

ing plant at Windscale. His government understood that there might be national considerations that could weigh heavily with the British Govern-

Two television

iournalists for

Mr Robert Quayle, Clerk of Tynwald and Secretary of the House of Keys, said that at present the Manx Government was opposed to British Nuclear

Fuels' proposed oxide reprocess-

trial over book Two Yorkshire Television journalists and two publishing companies have been committed at Wells Street Magistrates' Court, London, for trial on criminal libel proceedings in-volving the book Johnny Go Home. The application was made by Mr Roger Gleaves, aged 45, of Normand Mews, West Kensington, who was featured in the book and the

preceded it.

The defendants are Michael
Deakin, John Willis, Quartet
Books and Futura Publications. Central Criminal Court.

television documentary that

Bomb injures boy A boy from Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, was seriously in-jured yesterday by a home-made bomb which he and five friends

of growing violence' men were leaving the police said.

force because of the growing danger of violence, Mr Kenneth Steele, Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset, said yesterday. Earlier the Police Federation had announced that the number of policemen in England and Wates had fallen by 483 in the second quarter of Mr Steele said one experi-

enced officer in his force was resigning because of pressure from his wife, who feared he would be seriously injured at football matches. "I have seen the way some

of my officers are treated at football matches, and it is not a pleasant way to spend a Satur-

An increasing number of day afternoon*, Mr Steele Another reason for resigna-tions was low pay. "We are losing more policemen than we

are getting. We are losing very good men. Many are going out of the police at the earliest opportunity that they can retire on pension." The Police Federation figures showed that the loss of men was partially offset by the re-cruitment of 203 women.

cruitment of 203 women. Nevertheless the rotal strength of the service declined by 280 At the end of June police forces were 9,012 below their authorized strength of 118,279. Mr James Jardine, chairman of the federation, said: "Pay is the key to the police man-power crisis, Many experienced officers are leaving in disgust because of low pay."

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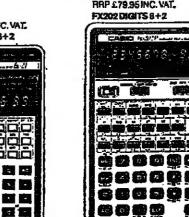
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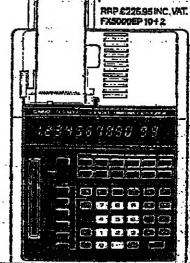
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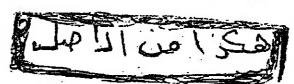




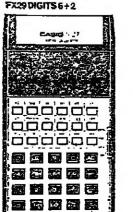


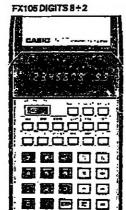


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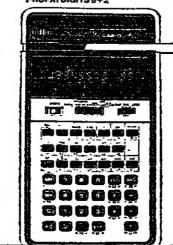






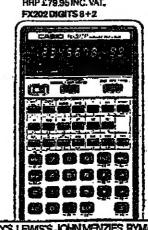


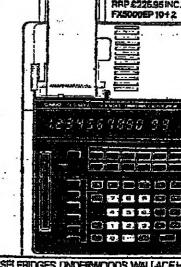




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Man in the news: Cyril Smith, exponent of personality cult

arried. Party post staked on 'smash the pact' vote

Cyril Smith has a capacity for filling the front pages of the papers that is quite indepen-dent of his rousiderable cordent of his rousiderable corportal presence. This week he
has made the headlines with
his revelations about the
Thorpe affair. Next week he
will be making them as the
leading opponent of the
Liberals' pact with the Government at their assembly in
Brighton.

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Mr Smith openly courts publicity. He is so unashamed and very successful exponent of the personality cult. With his rumbustious populist style and his show-business approach to politics, he is more like an American than a British politician.

The trip that his supporters from Rochdale made to London by specially chartered train on the occasion of his spectacular the occasion of his spectacular by election victory in 1972 had the same flavour as that more celebrated train journey to Washington by the people of Plains, Georgia, in January this year. Like Jimmy Carter, Cyvil Smith knows the advantages of being a small-pown boy who has grown up far away from the political establishment.

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to Westminster, where he is out to Westminster, where he is out of his depth. In fact, he was a reluctant candidate for the Rochdale by election of 1972, having rejoined the Liberals four years earlier after a quarter with his Labour collegence. rel with his Labour colleagues on the council about council house rents. He was finally persuaded to stand by Mr Thorpe, who was convinced that only Cyril Smith could win Rochdale

for the Liberals.

Once elected to Parliament, Cyril Smith lost no time in making clear his contempt for it. He still holds by his remark that it is the longest running farce in the West End. He tarce in the West End. He would like to see the whip applied much less by all parties and he has for some time advocated the establishment of a committee system in the House of Commons to cover each government department, on the model of local government committees.

Mr Smith makes no secret of his unhappiness at the way that the Liberal Party is going under Mr Steel's leadership. He strongly supported Mr Pardoe in the leadership election and has refused to campaign in any of the constituencies that voted for Mr Steel.

Although he thinks the Liberals were right to make a Liberals were right to make a pact with the Government in the spring, he believes they were wrong to continue it in the summer. He is terrified of the consequences of the Liberals going into the next election sied to the contrails of the Labour Parry.

He does not think the pact is likely to lead to the realignment in British politics that he wants to see, and he is worried that it is actually helping the Labour left.

Cyril Smith does not expect

Cyril Smith does not exped to carry more than a quarter of the party with him in his elforts to "smash the part" at the Liberal Assembly next week. If his more fails he will resign from his post as spoken-

man on employment. man on employment.

He discours any suggestion that he will leave the Liberals or quit she House of Commons. He says: "I see myself continuing us a hackbeach Liberal MP who will from time to time put his foot in it because he believes it is necessary to do so."

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Annual Report of the DHSS, 1976 (Command 6931, Stationery Office; £1.40). Angry dentists

threaten to cut NHS work By Our Health Services

The way dentists are paid is so distorted and so incomprehensible that they are deciding, in increasing numbers, to reduce their commitment to the National Health Service, the British Demail Association said

A delegation from the asso-ciation met Mr Emuls, Serre-tary of State for Social Services, on Wednesday to discuss the Government's insistence that alleged overpayments dating back three years should be recovered. The meeting, according so the dentists, ended inconclusively.

inconclusively.

The dentists made the point that at a time when their incomes were restricted by pay policy they could not accept the need to make good an overpayment in 1974-75, estimated at £299 for each dentist.

Mr Ennals pointed out that the system of retrospective adjustments had been brought in at the request of the BDA.

adjustments had been brought in at the request of the BDA and he could not simply write off overpayments. He would consider any change the BDA would like to propose The BDA will meet on September 31 to consider the situation. Meanwhile the General Dental Practitioners' Association is to consider Association is to consider accepting only patients under 21 for NHS treatment.

Open University man suspended

Mr Tom O'Carroll, aged 32, an employee of the Open Uni-versity, whose chairmanship of the Paedophile Information Exchange has been widely publicized, has been suspended on full pay from duties at the

The university said the action had been taken by Sir Frederick Warner, pro-chancellor of the university and chairman of its council. He will ask the next council. He will ask the next meeting of the council, on October 25, to consider whether procedures should be started to decide whether there is good cause for Mr O'Carroll's dis-missal.

Mr Bottini to retire

Mr Reginald Botton, aged 61, general secretary of the National Union of Agricological and Affied Workers, is to retire on medical advice.

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The Double Standards Game ... and

THE RUMOUR THAT MUSHROOMED

The Soviet news agency Tass last month reported that "work is nearing completion in the Republic of South Africa for the creation of a nuclear weapon and preparations are being made for carrying out tests of this weapon". Warned Tass: "If the racialist Pretoria regime were to obtain the nuclear weapon this would create a direct threat to the security of the African states."

It was not coincidence that this so-called "report" was launched by the Soviets on the eve of the Lagos conference organized to pillory South Africa.

The rumour, detonated in Moscow, rapidly mushroomed and created concern in the United States, Britain and France all seeking reassurances from a somewhat perplexed South Africa -while Moscow and its allies continued to pontificate on the dangers of nuclear proliferation.

Backward or Forward?

South Africa, it is generally understood, has developed its own uranium enrichment process in order to utilize its supplies of this mineral more fully for peaceful power generation.

A few years ago, when it first announced discovery of this new process and entered the big league through its own ingenuity, South Africa offered the process to any peaceful nation for peaceful purposes. She was ignored.

South Africa, a founder member of the International Atomic Energy Agency, was jettisoned from the world body in June this year in favour of Egypt as Africa's "most developed nuclear state". South Africa was apparently too backward to qualify any longer. Barely two months later the Russians, with the West as an attentive audience, charged that the same "backward" South Africa was ready to explode a nuclear device.

South Africa, the United States insisted, should sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Yet America itself, as a signatory, failed to live up to commitments under this Treaty in as far as it had not yet delivered nuclear fuel elements for peaceful use to South Africa promised and paid for 2 years ago. And, of the 34 members of the Board of the International Atomic Energy Agency, no fewer than 13 have either not ratified or acceded to the Non-Proliferation Treaty. They include India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, France and South Africa's replacement, Egypt.

France Defied the World

South Africa, warned France, should realize that a nuclear test could have

"grave consequences" for the relations between them - FRANCE, the same country which defied New Zealand, Australia, the United Nations and eventually the World Court when it went about testing nuclear explosives in the Pacific, not so long ago. At the time it waved aside British criticism as "irritating and moralising".

South Africa, claimed the Kremlin, created a direct threat to the security of the African states. Coming from a nuclear superpower, whose imperialist machinations have contributed largely to the sabrerattling uncertainty engulfing much of Africa, this charge is irony indeed.

The Gullible West

In reviewing this recent masterly display of double standards, with Russia in the lead and a gullible West following, the South African Prime Minister exclaimed: "I feel like laughing out aloud" - an understandable reaction considering the exasperation he must have felt at witnessing this performance.

One of South Africa's leading opposition newspapers echoed the same sentiments:

"The speciacle of mighty nuclear powers crying wolf because of a Russian claim that South Africa intends exploding a nuclear device would be amusing if it was not so infuriatingly hypocritical", - the Johannesburg Star.

To date the nuclear explosion foreshadowed by Tass in Moscow, has not happened.

The South African authorities have taken great pains in denying the flood of accusations and have explicitly reassured the world that they intended utilizing their advance nuclear technology only for peaceful purposes. Magnanimous indeed, considering the shifty double dealing to which their country has been subjected by socalled friend and foe.

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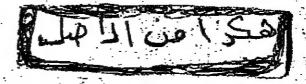
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WEST EUROPE

French Union of Left decides to launder dirty linen in private

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Sept 22.

The "summit" meeting of the three parties of the Union of the Left, which was running into heavy weather last night. Communist Party headquarters in a more equable atmosphere.

The problem of nationalization on which Socialists and Communists had clashed violently during five hours of tense discussions and the socialists. tense discussions yesterday, was left on one side. Other uspects of bringing the left's common programme up to date that were still in dispute were taken up

instead.

The three delegations, from the Socialists, Communists and Left Radicals, ensured that nothing filtered out to the press on the drift of the discussions. They had lunch in the conferrance room, presumably to climinate the possibility of leaks. They had obviously come to the conclusion that there was too much washing of dirty linen in public after vesterday's round of talks.

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The talks were adjourned tola evening for dinner, but were to continue later tonight, when nationalization will be tockled.

M Charles Fiterman, secretary of the Communist Party central committee, said it was now up to the Sociality and Left Radicals to make it clear whether they wanted an agree. Left Radicals to make it clear whether they wanted an agree ment. Differences over nationalization as well as defence remained, he indicated. He was pessimistic about the outcome.

Last night, at the cud of the first session, the atmosphere was distinctly tense. No progress made been made in narrowing down the gulf between the Communist and Socialist standpoints on nationalization; both M Francois Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, and M Georges did not have the same menning for its different partners."

there was a possibility of a breakdown in the negotiations. M Mitterrand said on television: "If our pariners are ready to accept all the common programme, and nothing but the common programme, the agreement will be signed

"If we are set further in-soluble problems, that is to say a second common programme before we have even imple-mented the first then we shall fail."

M Marchais said in a prepared statement to the press: "The Communist Party has made a great effort to achieve agree-ment. It is now up to our partners." The proposals put forward by the Socialists fell distinctly short of what had been agreed in 1972. If they refused to yield on them, the common programme would be "liquidated" M Mitterrand pur his finger

M Mitterrand put no inger on the root of the problem when he admitted last night that the real conflict was between two doctrines, "Mara-ism-Leninism and our own" The common programme of 1972 lend shalved the icrue Iv The common programme of 1972 land shelved the issue. It was a working compromise.

M Jean-Pierre Soisson, secre-

Lary general of the Independent Republicans, part of the Goy-ernment majority, said the left's summit had produced a sensational revelation; "The programme of the left of 1972 was not common.

Barre plea for more time for anti-inflation plan From Our Own Correspondent world in which we live, the

Paris, Sept 22 Exactly a year after the launching of his anti-inflation plan, the prudent verdict of M Barre, the Prime Minister, is that "the French economy is beginning to emerge from the crisis but we still need time, patience and effort". In an interview with the

new afternoon newspaper finjorme, he said the Government's policy was not con-ceived in a short-term perspective; it must be appreciated

over a longer period.

This caution does not satisfy critics like M Jacques Chirac, the Ganilist leader. In a speech today, he fild not quarrel with the overall objectives of the Prime Minister's policy bur, with his eye on the March elections, he urged a stronger dose of selective reliation than M Barre hesitantly agreed to at the end of last month.

The end of last month.

"Give us a good policy and we shall give you good finances", Baron Louis, the Finance Minister at the time of the restoration told Louis XVIII. M Joseph Fontanet, the editor-in-chief of Pinjorme, in quoting the aphorism noted that "those who criticise Raymond Barre in who criticize Raymond Barre in the ranks of the Majority cou-sider that it is not enough to produce good finances to pro-duce good elections."

The Prime Minister's reply

that the economic and social situation of the country would suffer serious damage from an ill-considered reflation of the

While he admits that such a policy seems tempting before elections, "in the uncertain world in which we have, an a Government would carry a heavy responsibility by giving up its effort of economic and financial recovery. It could do so only for a few months, in any case, for no sooner the elections are over, it would be necessary to revert without delay to restrictive measures, doubtless more painful than today's ".

Thanks to the policy it had pursued for the past year, the Government had secured some room for manocuvre. " Between January and August 1976 (when he took over as Prime Minister), the franc lost 12 per cent of it. value in relation to the dollar, and our exchange reserves dropped by \$4,000m (£2,300m). The franc is now stabilized and our reserves have increased.

The anti-inflation policy had not led to a drop in industrial production, or an economic recession. How do those who talk about the anaemic state of the French economy judge the condition of the British or German economies, to mention only those two? M Barre asked.

"The evolution of remunerations shows that Frenchmen have shown moderation, and that the Government's aims have been understood. Yet the increase in wages this year will still remain the highest of all the leading industrial countries, except Italy", he was quoted as saying in the interview.

He conceded that unemployment had risen in recent months, but which country escaped from such a trend these days, he asked.



umbrella in Rome yesterday with Signor Andreotti.

Rome call for economic stimulus

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Sept 22
Mr Callaghan and Signor
Giulio Andreotti, the Italian
Prime Minister, called jointly
today for an expansion in economic activities by strong coun-tries to help deal with the prob-

tries to help deal with the prob-lem of unemployment.
They were together for two bours. Mr Calkeghan, making the first official visit to Italy of a British prime minister in five years, spoke of their talks as "valuable". They spent a lot of the time, he told reporters, discussing world trade, particu-larly inflation and uncomploy-ment, and buth had to acknowment, and both had to acknow-ledge that the increase in world trade was disappointing. Mr Callaghan added: "My

will keep rising throughout Europe and probably the whole industrial world." But if only the Western industrial nations and Japan could add just I per cent to their gross national pru-duct, it would mean an increase

Siege Moluccans

Assen, Sept 22-Seven South

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of between 21 and 3 million He added: "We would both, I think, like to ace the suronger countries taking more expansive action. Germany and Japan have already taken such action and this would be a beln. We would like to see further action vet."
They agreed that the Euro-

pean Community should be enlarged to include Greece, Spain and Portugal. There were problems but they could be solved. The Community's agricultural and fishing policies should be reviewed. It was in no one's

interests in Europe to spend money on price supports if the structures remained unchanged. Asked whether he thought that Britain would be ready to take part in the first direct elections to the European Parliament due next year, Mr Callaghan replied that only the House of Commons could make the decision. He had never said more to the European Council of Ministers than that we were doing our best. "I we were doing our best. "I have a feeling this is well understood by the ministers but I have difficulty in convincing

Mr Callaghan persuaded Signor Andreotti to look into the problem of sugar agree-ments which, the British Prime Minister believes, could place the North-South dialogue into "some serious difficulty". He said that the point now reached meint that agreement was possible except for the attitude of the Community itself. As of the Community itself. As agreement in principle had been reached, the developing countries might well feel that promises were not bounured.

Sugar-exporting countries among the poorest, were the Caribbean especially countries which exported on the free market. If there were to be no agreement, sugar prices would be depressed and poor countries selling in the free market would find their carnings cur. The object of the projected agreement was to finance exports and storage of surplus sugar. Failure to reach agreement, Mr Callaghan said, would go beyond the question of sugar. Tomorrow Mr Callaghan sees

the Pope. He said he would express the good wishes of the British people for the Pontiff's eighties a birthday which falls on

Minister opens talks on Basque autonomy

Moluccans were given jail sentences ranging between six and rine years today for seizing more than 150 hostages in attacks on a train and a village school here in northern Holland last May. An eighth was sentof Basque autonomy suppressed by Franco during the Civil War. enced to 12 months for supplying a weapon and ammunition

Three of the Moluccans had been charged with hijacking a train at Glimmen, north of here, on May 22, and holding more than 50 passengers captive for 19 days. The other four seized a school at nearby Bovensmilde the same day and took more than 100 children and four had its freedom." teachers hostage.

Dutch marines ended the

sieges on June 11, storming the train and the school. Six Moluccan gunmen and two hostages

In an interview with the newspaper Informaciones pub-

lished today Senor Clavero said that the armed forces "know perfectly that autonomy does not go against the unity of Spain. He added that auto-nomy was simply decentrali-Highly conservative elements

in Spain's armed forces have, however, always been against autonomy on the ground that it was "breaking up" the

Ex-SS men to Prisoners make be tried for sheet-rope Cracow killings escape in Italy

From Our Own Correspondent From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, Sept 22 The extermination of 19,500 Rome, Sept 22 lews in the Polish city of Cracow and the destruction of

their chetto will be recalled in the trial of three former SS men which begins in Hanover morrow. Thre three men—Rudolf Körner, Kurt Heinemeyer and Max Olde-are accused of re-

sponsibility, with others, for a total of 32 murders of men, women and children, and assisting in the killing of more than 30 others between 1942

Nuclear submarine hits sea bottom

Naples, Sept 22.—The American nuclear-powered attack submarine Ray hit the bottom of the Mediterranean near Sardinia on Tuesday while on a routine voyage, a United States Navy spokesman said here today. Three of the 115 crew were slightly injured,-

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They improvised a scaffolding of beds from which they were able to cut a hole in the ceiling of their cell through which they found a trapdoor to the roof and climbed 100ft to the ground down the rope of

Meanwhile, in Latina prison, near Rome, a revolt was put down this morning

President return to job of running country

From Patrick Brugan Washington, Sept 22

OVERSEAS.

The resignation of Mr Berr Lance yesterday as Director of the Budger will allow Presi-dent Carter once again to concentrate on running the country and carrying on its foreign

The affair is at an end, to the general relief, and whatever damage it has done to Mr Carter will not be compounded by investigations dragged on indefinitely. The affair did not, in fact, last very long even though people in Washington seem to have been living with Mr Lance's overdrafts and double collateral for an unconscionable time.

Senators, congressmen and commentators agreed unani-mously this morning that Mr Carter was right in letting Mr Lance go. When the revelations were at their height, three weeks ago, the conventional wisdom, repeated in all the newspapers, was that the resignation was just a matter of

However, many opinionared However, many opinionated observers had second thoughts as Mr Carter continued to express his support for his friend, particularly when Mr Lance put on a strikingly effective performance in self-defence in his first couple of days' testimony before the Senate committee last week. There was then much bedging of bets, In retrospect, the

ing of bets. In retrospect, the hedgers look rather foolish and none of them admits today to having had any doubts at any impression had gone abroad that Mr Lance was an unscrupulous, corner-cutting country banker who grossly shused the perquisites of a

bank president to earich him-self and his family. The evi-dence we now have shows there was a lot of truth in this public judgment, even though Mr Lance avoided any illegality. Mr Carter based his election campaign on the claim that he was more honest and more competent than his rivals and

that he would give the American people "the government they deserved, a government as good as they are".

The President could not be brought yesterday to admit that he or his Budget Director had not lived up to that high promise. Several reporters tried during the press conference and the most they could extort was the admission on that the affair

might have lessened Mr Carter's credibility and reputation for inteurity. Indeed, Mr Carter seems to have carried one trick with at least some commentators by admirting nobly that part of the trouble was his own fault for having such high standards. One correspondent (in the Washington Posts compared this admission to President Kennedy's acceptance of res-

fiasco in 1961. It is an odd parallel because Mr Carter, in effect, is claiming that he is really too good for this hard world. He never admitted the possibility that he had been wrong to appoint Mr Lauce in the first place, claim-ing instead that he was superbly qualified for the job. It was a remarkable performance and should go far to restore Mr Carter's reputation as a skilled

ponsibility for the Bay of Pigs

politician.

The President said yesterday that he had given no thought to whom he should nominate to succeed Mr Lance. It is important, however, that he make up his mind soon. Mr Lance was not only preparing the budget but was in charge of reforming the federal Gov-criment, one of the schemes closest to Mr Carter's heart fand high on his list of electoral promises).
Mr Lance was intended to

balance the budget by 1981 and introduce zero-based budgeting throughout the Government, two more important measures for Mr Carter, Some one must suc-ceed bim in these roles immedistely if the momentum he achieved is not to be lost. Meanwhile Mr Carter can now turn to his immediate problems, which include Con-

corde, the Middle East, arms talks, his energy policy, reform of social security and the Panama Canal treaty.

Lance resignation lets | Pakistan Chief Justice is removed

From Richard Wigg Rawalpindi, Sept 22 General Zia today removed

Mr Justice Yakub Ali Khan, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who agreed earlier this week to hear a perition chal-lenging the arrest under marrial law of Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister. The chief marrial law admini-

strutor issued an order declaring vacant the office of Chief Justice. It dramatically, if inelegantly, followed up his assertion yesterday that the procla-mation of July 5, when the armed forces took over, is the supreme constitutional instrument " and that all the country's institution, including the Supreme Court, only function "by virtue of the said Act".

A statement this evening said in the said Act.

that President Chaudhry Fazal Elahi had appointed the senior Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr Justice S. Anwar al Haq. as Chief Justice of Pakistan with immediate effect. He and other Supreme Court comorrow afternoon, it said. There were rumours here to-night that some of the seven-

man bench would refuse. Mr Justice Yakub Ali Khan. who was appointed by Mr. Bhutto, told The Times tonicht that he would not attend the oath ceremony. He said he had no information on what his colleagues would do. He refused to discuss General Zia's order.
"I don't have any comment. What that means is to be understood."

The swearing in will come less than a day before the court is to hear both an application denying that the Supreme Court has jurisdiction to question and the supreme court has jurisdiction to question and the supreme court has purisdiction to the supreme court has been supremed to the supreme court has been supremed to the supreme court for the supremed to the supremed to the supremediate the s tion any act of the chief martial law administrator and the petition by Begum Nusrai Bhutto challenging her hus-band's arrest. It was the court's decision to hear the begum's petition which started off the present legal conflict.
Today's move puts into the
position the judge whom

position the judge whom General Zia wished to see as Chief Justice but who passed over despite but who was despite his ma Canal treaty.

Leading article, page 13 favour of his own nominee.

Palestinians keep watch from Crusader castle during lull in Lebanon fighting

From Robert Fisk Beaufort Castle, southern Lebanon, Sept 22

Lebanon, Sept 22

From the broken, precipitous walls of the twelth-century keep of Beaufort Castle, it was obvious that the Palestinians, Christian Lebanese and Israelis were in no mood to fight today. Up in the ruined balls of the great Crusader castle—besieged by Saladin in 1192—it was possible to hear the dull booming of artillery across the ing of artillery across the valleys from the villages of Taibe and Khiam, but the shellreport, read slowly over the air in Arabic by a woman, said that an Israeli tank in Lebanon had been destroyed by rocket ing had nothing of yesterday's intensity. Even the Palestinian fighters living up in the castle only fired off their 80mm mortar to relieve their boredom.

Throughout the afternoon, military lorries and petrol tankers, all of them in camouflage paint, could be seen driving at half-hourly intervals from the Israeli frontier to the Christian stronghold of Mar-jayoun to the north. It was impossible to tell which army they belonged to.

Four shells hissed over the castle during the afternoon and exploded harmlessly beyind

exploded harmlessly beyond the old walled fortifications: the Palestinians inside took the view that neither the Christian Lebanese nor the Israelis wamed to fight today because

the Israelis were observing Yom west to the Mediterranean Kippur. west to the Mediterranean coastal hills, no tank could be Kippur. There were signs, however, that the lull in the fighting was

not as complete as the Lebanese, the Syrians, the United States and, presumably, Israel, would like it to have In the Palestinian command post at Taibe this morning, the commander's two-way radio was crackling with reports of shelling in border

ire.

No such claim has been made publicly by the Palestinians but the fact that the transmission was intended for guerrillas who were actually fighting suggests that a fighting suggests that a genuine hit may have been scored on Israeli armour.

On the other hand, the Palestinians at Taibe had a disconsolate air and, for once, did not welcome journalists. Up at Beaufort Castle, the Palestinians insisted that they had been engaging two Israeli tanks during the night but across the 30 miles of countryside visible from the castle walls, from Syria and Israel

The guerrillas say Israeli armour moves towards the Litani river each evening at seven o'clock to fire at Palestinian positions near the river. They said, pointing to a clump of trees, that an Israeli tank was still concealed near the Litani bridge in the gorge far beneath us.
Twice they fired off mortar

the battlements with binoculars trained on the river banks.
After almost half a minute, the trees would shake, a cloud of blue smoke curl up from the gorge and the sound of the distant explosion echo up to the eastle with a clap of sound. But no Israeli tank emerged from the little forest beneath

The Christian Lebanese snipers certainly kept a close eye on Beaufort Castle, however, since its commanding position over the surrounding hills makes it an artillery sporter's dream. Every time we walked ourside

the walls or appeared on the battlements, a bullet would ricochet off the rocks beneath. There could be little hope of hitting us at that range,

Egypt stands by PLO as Palestinians' only voice From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Sept 22

Mr Ismael Fohmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, gave a frosty answer to the Israelis here today. He told a press conference that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian Egypt would adamantly refuse

to consider a bilateral agree-ment with Israel. There had to be a general peace agreement between Israel and all the Arabs, including the Palestinans.

Mr Fahmi has had extensive

talks with President Carter and Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, over the past two days.
Before that Mr Moshe Dayan,
the Israeli Foreign Minister,
was in Washington. On Saturday and next week they will be followed by the foreign ministers of Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Mr Fahmi knocked down an idea, floated by the Israelis yesterday, that the Palestinians could be represented at the Geneva conference by the mayors of the West Bank towns. It was up to the Palestinians to choose their own representa-tives, he declared, and Israel had no business whatever pushing her own candidates. He did not specifically rule out the idea of a pan-Arab delegation,
The minister delivered a little

homily to his audience, saying:
"You people in Washington,
and President Carter, are very
concerned about human rights.
You can't have two yardsticks.
Every single notion under the human rights umbrella gives the Palestinians the right to exercise their self-determin-Mr Fahmi never the less pro-

fessed to be optimistic about the chances of convening a Geneva peace conference before the end of the year.

Chinese nuclear fallout heads for Great Lakes

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Sept 22 Radioactive debris from last week's Chinese nuclear test is heading for the Great Lakes region of North America, according to a spokesman for the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

But there appears to have been no appreciable rise in ground radioactivity in those parts of the north-west crossed by the cloud of fallout. The spokesman said that so far the nuclear material had moved in an airstream well above any rain clouds. This above any rain clouds. This meant that no appreciable amounts of nuclear particles bad fallen to the ground.

The long-term impact will not Tests are to be carried out next week on milk samples to determine whether there has been any radioactive con-

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Nalgo plea for say in decisions From Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent Hamburg, Sept 22 A strong plea for full par-

A strong plea for full par-ticipation by public service workers in local government was made today by Man workers in local government was made today by Mr G. J. Phillips, president of Naigo, speaking here at the World Congress of the International Union of Local Authorities.

This is a test for democracy. People are not going in the public services without demanding a say in the decisions taken. If the management and elected members of local authorities will not willingly accept this, they will be forced into accepting marker participation. Mr Phillips said.

It was no good naying lip asserved to the concept: "I here that the markers have a

Mr Phillips was speaking at a session on the rising cost of local services and ways to save

director of the International City Management Association in the United States, said it was the job of local government managers in a period of economic restraint to avoid both reducing services and increasing taxes.

"The job is not an easy one.
Politically, a solution may be contrary to citizen wishes, for what helps in one place might hurt in another."

The real solution was to impresse the productivity of local

prove the productivity of local government by providing and managing community services more efficiently and more effectively, and directing them to the real needs of the com-

Mr Keane gave the example of Westminster, Colorado, found where all leave due to em-ployees had been combined into spent. Colorado,

charged against an employee's allotted leave, so that frequent absenteeism reduced vacation and sick time while good attendance qualified an em-ployee for bonus vacation

The gunmen staged the raids

to draw attention to South Moluccan demands for inde-

pendence for their island home

This sort of "productivity" did not please some of the delegates and Mr Keane acknowledged the difficulties. Mr Derek Pickering, vice-chairman of the Association of County Councils, raised the conflict between reducing costs and the dismissal of staff that this often entailed.
Few suggestions

Few suggestions were offered but one solution has been found in Copenhagen. A staff security bank has been financed by the local authority and a redundant employee is transferred to the hank, which pays his salary until another job can be found. This was found to work well and only half the funds set aside were

From William Chislett Madrid, Sept 22 Señor Manuel Clavero, the Mimister for the Spanish Regions, arrived in Visoria, in the Basque country, today to start negotiations with politicians on the reestablishment of Basque autonomy suppressed.

by Franco during the Civil War.
Señor Manuel Irujo, who
represents the Basque Nationalist Party in the Senate, opened
the session by warning Señor
Clavero that unless the Basque
country had its political rights
soon "this could lead to vio-

lence which could have been avoided if the Basque country Senor Clavero replied that he was auxious to achieve a degree of autonomy for the Spanish regions, and particularly the

and 1944.

The prosecution claims that

the three committed the mur-ders on their own initiative and

out of haired for the Jews.

The trial is expected to take about two and a half years.

Herr Körner, the principal accused, who is charged with

joint responsibility in 22 mur-ders and assisting in 17 others,

isbedridden with suberculosis.

The defence will ask the court to suspend proceedings against him on the ground that

he is physically unfit to de-

fendhimself. He maintains that

he took no part in the killings.

Rhodesia deports nun on day before she was to seek bail

From Frederick Cleary Salisbury, Sept 22

Sister Janice McLaughlin, American-born press secretary of the Roman Carbolic Justice and Peace Commission in Rhodesia, was today declared a prohibited immigrant and deported. She was put on an aircraft to Johannesburg this afternoon and was not allowed to talk to journalists here.

Sister McLaughlin, aged 35, was due to appear in court on September 27 on a charge of spreading alarm and desponseptember 27 on a charge of spreading alarm and despondency. An appeal for bail on her behalf was to be made to a High Court judge in chambers tomorrow. She has been in jail since her arrest on August 21

Refusing an application for bail last week, a local magis-trate, Mr C. J. Stainer, said she had been shown to be a "dedicated supporter of terror-ism" and she might use liberty on bail to commit further

She came to Rhodesia from Kenya four months ago. Three other members of the Peace and Justice Commission are awaiting trial in Rhodesia under the Law and Order Main-tenance Act and the Official

Secrets Act.
The Government has denied that over half a million Africans are being kept in great hard-ship in protected villages as claimed in a new report by the Justice and Peace Commission. A spokesman for the Ministry of Internal Affairs said there were only 178 protected villages and not 203 as claimed by the commission. These villages house about 260,000 people and

house about 250,000 people and not 580,000 as claimed.

Denying that conditions in the villages were generally cramped, the spokesman said that in many villages there were large areas of unoccupied land and sanitary facilities were better than those the tribespeople had in their traditional settlements. "It is untrue to say that inhabitants are not comthat inhabitants are not com-pensated for their loss of

property."

He said the question of compensation should not arise because people were encouraged to take all their property when they move into protected vill-ages, including thatched roofs, doors and windows. The only part of their buts they abandoned were walls, which are in most cases poles plastered with mud. "After people have moved into protected villages, the re-mains of old villages are burnt to deny terrorists shelter", he

The official repeated the claim that tribespeople had asked to be moved into pro-tected villages to be shielded from terrorist intimidation. He also denied that guerrillas moved freely in and out of the villages. While terrorists did sometimes cut through-fences, this was infrequent.

Voluntary agencies had in some instances provided cloth-ing and blankets, and occasionally food to inhabitants in pro- speak to journalists.

From Our Correspondent.

Talks between the "contact group" of five Western ambassadors and the South African Government over an

internationally acceptable independence formula for South-West Africa (Namibia) ran into trouble today after

earlier optimism that a break-

They were intended to last

It appears that the South

all day but were broken off after only two and a half hours.

Bucharest plane

Bucharest, Sept 22.-Twenty-

nine people, including eight members of the crew, were killed when a Hungarian Air-lines' Tu134 crashed trying to

make an emergency landing in a sunflower field near

crash kills 29

In brief

Johannesburg, Sept 22

tected villages, he said. Educa-tion had not been provided by voluntary agencies, but by government and local councils. Mr Geoffrey Feltoe, the mem-ber of the Commission for Justice and Peace who presented the report, The Propaganda War, yesterday in London, was born in Broadstairs, Kent Aged

29, he is a highly-respected member of the teaching faculty at the University of Rhodesia. Although he is known to he critical of the Rhodesian Government, he has not involved himself openly in local politics.

Joharnesburg: Sister Janice said on arrival here that she thought international pressure and her being an "embarrass-ment" led to her release. She was "in some way disappointed" at her surprise release

prison.

"I was auxious to fight out the court case," she said. "I believed in what we were doing and that the Government would

and that the Government would not be able to prove its case against me." She was met by two United States consular officials.—AP. Roger Berthoud writes: The Foreign Office said in London yesterday that there would be "no place for people guilty of atrocities" in the future Zim-habwe National Army as probabwe National Army as pro-vided for in the Anglo-American proposals for a Rhodesia settle-ment. A spokesman was commenting on the report of the

"This report makes borrify-ing reading", the spokesman said. There were no means of checking the facts, he said, but there was no reason to doubt the findings of this "reput-able" body.

The spokesman made it clear that his remarks applied equally to nationalist guerrillas who had been found to have committed atrocities. "If the war goes on, there will be more atrocities. These destroy the trust on which a non-racial society must be built ".



Sister Janice: Forbidden to

Africans have dug in their heels

over the compromise proposed by the Western ambassadors

concerning the presence of South African troops in

The South-West African People's Organization has stated

it will not contest elections in

the territory while South African troops remain there. The envoys are believed to have

suggested to Pretoria that the

troops be placed under United Nations command, but that

even this is, at the moment being rejected.

Argentine regime

holding professor

The Argentine Interior Mini-

stry has announced that a pro-minent human rights cam-paigner, abducted 14 days ago

and feared kidnapped by right-wing gunmen, is in fact under detention by order of the Gov-

The announcement came after

Namibia independence talks

South Namibia

hit 'unexpected snags'

Britain to think again From Our Correspondent Salisbury, Sept 22 Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian

Patriotic Front.

Mr Smith

expects

Prime Minister, said tonight he believed the British Government might think again on the proposal in the Anglo-American peace plan to disband the presesut Rhodesian security forces and base the future on the guerrilla forces of the

The Rhodesian Government insists on the security forces remaining intact. Speaking at the conclusion of the annual Rhodesian Front party congress, Mr Smith was questioned closely on the next stage on the settlement negotiations. He said he was now waiting for a reply from Britain to a list of ques-tions (believed to be 5.000 words long) arising from the White Paper as presented to him recently by Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Young the United States representative of the United Nations.

While refusing to spell out all while rerusing to spect out an the questions on which he was seeking answers and clarifica-tion he said that one glaring point, was the fact that the proposals on the security forces virtually prescribed a breakdown in law and order.

"I cannot believe that any man in his senses would be pre-pared to go along with that", he said. The leaders of internal black nationalist parties shared this view. "Therefore I'm satis-fied that the British Govern-ment are going to change their

He hoped to have a reply within a week. He was not proceeding at present with his original plan for an internal settlement, but would act accordingly after studying the answers from London.

Questioned about possible United Nations sanctions against United Nations sanctions against South Africa if that country did not put pressure on him to accept the Anglo-American proposals, Mr Smith said the South African Government continually said it would not allow itself to be a party to sanctions against Rhodesia and he did not think blackmail and threats would have much effect.

Mr Smith edd the congress

Mr Smith said the congress had been conducted in a happy atmosphere, unlike recent congresses where there had been people who had been out of step. He was obviously referring to the 12 dissidents who were expelled from the party, formed their own right-wing party and failed to win a seat at the recent general election. The Prime Minister only needed half an hour today behind closed doors in this

needed half an hour today behind closed doors in this truncated one-day conference to convince delegates that he should be trusted to find a way out of the settlement mean

Brazil steps up drive

São Paulo, Sept 22.—Military Natural Students' Union which police have arrested 176 was banned by the Government students in a big security in 1964, and consequently could be liable to prison sentences of

up to five years.

forces.-Reuter

against dissidents

operation to prevent anti-

About 5,000 armed police and

troops yesterday surrounded two universities, set up road

blocks on main roads heading into São Paulo, and thwarted a

planned student rally. No violence was reported and the

The demonstration had been

called as part of a campaign to demand the return of full democracy to Brazil. The police

alleged that the students were forces. Reute trying to reconstitute the France-Presse.

mounced that a national con- year.

ference on science will be held

in Peking next spring and the

Government called for free dis-

cussion among scientists as part of the effort to modernize

Science congress called in

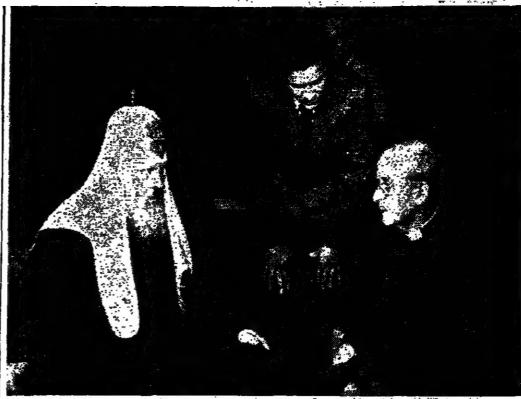
China modernization drive

The conference had been tion of scientific and technical expected but this was the first information, promote firm indication of when it national academic exclusions would be held. It is likely to and introduce necessary in the morale of scientific and techniques in the conference of which is added that the conference disrupted in recent years by ultra-left radicals until the downfall of the so-called "gang science".—Reuter.

Peking, Sept 22.-China today of four " in October of last

students were later released.

Government demonstrations.



Patriarch Pimen talking to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, in Moscow.

Dr Coggan welcomed to Moscow

Moscow, Sept 22.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Donald Coggan, arrived in Moscow tonight for a 12-day visit to the Sovier Union as guest of the Russian Orthodox and Armenian Churches.

grown in understanding and depth ".

Tomorrow, he has formal meetings with Patriarch Pimen.
"No doubt, we will engage in

He was met by Patriarch a good deal of theology", he Pimen, head of the Orthodox Church, and officiels of the Soviet Government's Council on Religion. In a brief speech he said that relations between the Applications between the Applications of the Soviet Baptist and Jewish communities. After meetings in Moscow and a visit to the ancient the Applications between the Applications of the Soviet Baptist and Jewish communities. he said that relations between cow und a visit to the ancient the Anglican and Orthodox religious centre of Zagorsk, north of the capital, he will travel on to the Ukraine and Armenia.

It is the Archbishop's first visit to the Soviet Union since

he took office two years ago. One of his predecessors made a similar visit in 1962.—Reuter.

Lawyers speak up for detainees

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Sept 22 Police in the black township

of Soweto, ourside Johannes-burg, are investigating the death of a 15-year-old boy who was killed in a hail of machine gun bullets fired yesterday into a crowd of mourners at a memorial service for Mr Steve Biko the dead Black Consciou-

The boy, William Mdlad-lamba, was found dead near St Marthew's Anglican Church soon after police had raided a crowd of mourners. The police are not admitting responsibility

for the death.

Brigadier Jan Visser, Soweto's police chief, said today: "It appears as if a machine gun was used." None of his men had used." None of his men had been issued with machine guns yesterday, he said, and so far as he knew only two people, both girls, had been wounded when police fired on crowds of stone-throwers during demonstrations over Mr Biko's death. The situation in Sowetow as reported oner melay.

Senhor Lourenço Diaféria, a journalist detained here three

days ago and accused of violar

ing the national security law by writing an article offensive to

tre armed forces has been released, but still faces trial

His arrest followed an announcement that legal action would be taken against news-

papers and journalists whose articles insulted the armed

on the prospective conference promised scientists new respect and help in their work. "We must strive to learn from other countries. It is

necessary to improve the collec-

tion of scientific and technical information, promote inter-national academic exchanges

advanced techniques."

It added that the country must "storm the bastions and

for the alleged offence.

without trial and calling on the The symposium was abandoned Government to change the law to ensure that security detainees had adequate protec-

tion from ill-treatment.

The council said it had repeatedly expressed its condemnation of detention without trial but the Government had insisted that circumstances necessitated it. "Whatever those circumstances may be, no one can contend that they justify ill-treatment of people in detention," the statement said.

The statement added: "It is significant that these things

that have happened, or are alleged to have happened, to people detained under the Terrorism Act do not as a rule happen to ordinary prisoners in our jails."

The Bar Council called for

The Bar Council called for changes in the Act to permit regular and frequent visits to a detainee by a lawyer, a private doctor or other representative of his family—if necessary under police supervision.

In Durban, 200 Indian students at the University of Durban, Westville, three cripts

Durban-Westville threw stink bombs at prominent speakers invited to address a symposium

after the students, carrying placards proclaiming. We demand fundamental human rights and not concessions", bellowed "Amandia" (power) with clenched fist salutes. The Zulu leader, Chief. Garsha Buthelezi, angrily left the university vowing he would

never return There was more unrest in Cape Town, where all academic activities at the Coloured University of the Western Cape

were suspended after stone-throwing demonstrations by students protesting against the "inferior education" there. The editor of the East London Daily Dispatch, Mr Donald Woods, who was a close personal friend of Mr. Biko, is

suing Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Police, for £50,000 over remarks Mr Kruger made about him and Mr Biko at the Transvael National Party con-Mr Kruger said at the week

lawyers about whether to size Mr Woods over a speech he made to university students in out of the settlement maze. ment condemning detention coexistence in South Africa. on Mr Biko's death last week.

and it is the first time that such a charge has been brought against people who are not intellectuals and who were

working in a purely industrial area. This is evidently a source of embarrassment to the

Czechoslovak authorities who

dic not announce the arrests at the time and have until now

ference on European security, but it now seems that the

authorities are trying to rush it through before the conference for fear that a compaign in

favour of the two men will develop in the Western press

The International Commis

kept the metter secret.

Czechoslovaks to be tried on subversion charges

By Edward Mortimer Tw Czechoslovak techni-Tw Czechoslovak technicians are to go on trial next Monday in Usti, northern Bohemia, on charges of subverting the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the Loudon-based Palach Press Agency reports. The trial is scheduled to last only three days.

Mr Ales Machacek, aged 31, an agricultural technician from Usti, and Mr Vladimir Lastuvka, a nuclear physicist from Decin—both industrial towns-were arrested in January soon after the first publica-tion of Charter 77, the protest against violations of human

They were accused of distributing copies of the charter and of receiving and distributing Czech literature from the West. The charge of subversion can carry heavy prison sentences

sion of Jurists is sending an observer to Czechoslovalda in the hope that he will be allowed to attend the trial.

Ship to disrupt Atlantic whaling

Greenpeace, an environmental group, is trying to raise £77,000 to buy and equip a 145-foot trawler from which to harass hunters next year in the Ice-landic and Norwegian whaling

The aim is to protect the minke and, in particular, the fin whale, whose population has been reduced by an estimated 80 per cent since commercial whaling began.

Prisoners set

Port-su-Prince, Sept 21.— President Jean-Claude Duvalier has freed 104 prisoners con-

free in Haiti

victed or accused of acts of terrorism, the Hairi Government announced yesterday. Eleven of those released were taken to Port-au-Prince airport and expelled from the country, a spokesman said. No one was now being held in Haiti jails for political or terrorist offences.—Reuter.

Under its new programme, a total of 340 refugees will be flown to America this month, 700 to France, 30 to Belgium and 10 to Canada. Informed sources said that Australia was planning to take about 2,000 Indo-Chinese refugees from South East Asian countries by the middle of next year.

The refugees, to be selected from camps in Theiland, Malaysia and elsewhere in the region. would be flown to Australia at the rate of about 200 to 300 a month once the programme

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How one woman led 75 Vietnamese refugees to safety

Bangkok, Sept 22.—Captain Sven Ulseth, master of the Nor-wegian cargo ship Toledo, knew that if he did not rescue the 75 Vietnamese refugees, the heavy seas would claim them within hours from their control Evel Knievel accused Los Angeles, Sept 22.—Evel Knievel, the motor cycle stunt rider, was released on bail of \$1,000 (£588) here after he allegedly used a baseball bat to beat a television executive

Royal escape Bangkok, Sept 22.—King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit of Thailand escaped unburt today when terrorists tossed two grenades during a mass meeting at Yala. Ten people were killed and about 60 wounded in the two explosions,

Cholera toll rises Dacca, Sept 22 .- The Bangladesh Government announced that 350 people have died of cholera during the past three weeks and that the death toll is

mounting daily. Election go-ahead Athens, Sept 22.—Mr Constantine Tsatsus, the Greek President, endorsed the request

of Mr Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, to dissolve Parliament

and proclaimed general elections for November 20.

an outcry over the disappearance of Professor Alfredo Bravo, co-president of the Permanent Assembly for Human Rights and leader of the national teachers' union. a sunflower field near Bucharest last night.
There were 23 Hungarian survivors and Mr Sadik Akalan, aged 52, director of an Istanbul cement factory. Five Turks and four West Germans were among the dead. An engine caught fire during the approach to Bucharest airport.

> within hours from their overladen 21ft fishing boat. Unlike some captains who ignore escapers rescue pleas, Mr Ulseth is typical of Norwegian sailors who have taken on board more fleeing South Vietnamese than have sailors of any other nation.

> He stopped, and the story that emerged gives an insight into why and how some 8,000 refugees have set sail successfully for points between Japan and Australia since the fall of Saigon in April, 1975.

Sangon in April, 1975.

The refusees were picked up on September 17, and it was not long before they appeared in the Toledo's stateroom with a small middle-aged woman and declared: "This is the woman who arranged our escape."

who organized our escape."
She did all the liaison, getting the entire group to the boot on time. The woman explained that since May she had organized-four other unsuccessful escapes, which cost her 15 days

in prison. She had left her husband and three children in jails and detention centres for a fifth attempt to flee.

Asking that her name to be kept secret, she said that her husband, a former policeman, had heen in "reeducation" had been in "reeducation" since the arrival of the North

Vietnamese in the south. She "had no right to a job" and her children could not go to school. Two sons are now in jail for attempting to escape and her daughter is in prison for resistance activities, she said. She was caught by communist agents while making drawings of government instal-

The refugees said they were incensed at Hanoi's "colonization" of the south and at the privileged status of cadres

A former high school principal from Phan Thiet said that children of people considered to be former government officials were "being denied admittance to schools on the ground that they cannot keep up with the "high achievements" of the "high achievements" of the "high achievements" of the "high achievements of the "high achievements" of the "high achievements of the "high achievements of the "high achievements" of the "high achievements of the "high achievements" of the "high the sons and daughters of the cadres". During examinations, "while the normal passing rescue and help refugnes at sea

grade is, say, 50 per cent, the cadres offspring ger by with 45 per cent," he said.

The principal added that after "three months of hard labour" in re-education, he returned and was unable to find work Job restrictions were forcing southerners to sell possessions to buy food and essentials on the black market, and all rice, fish catches and produce were turned over to the cadres. The amount redistributed to producers was "niggardly".

Refugees spoke of being harassed by the cadres to leave their homes for the new eco-nomic sones. "If you ignore them, they come back and seize

your papers, depriving you of travel rights", they said. The next step was a ban on essential purchases such as sugar and salt. Lasny came eviction. Several had destroyed their

was getting back to Vietnam through letters and the radio and was likely to encourage more escape attempts. As they were being rescued, the Liberian vessel Golden Dolphin was picking up another 26 refugees near by.
Hongkong: Seventy-four Vietnamese refugees were brought here today by another Liberian-registered ship, Seaboard. The crew picked them up from a fishing boat in the South

China Sea four days ago. Like the 400 Vietnamese refugees found at sea and landed here since the beginning of the year, the 74 are expected to be allowed to stay for three months pending resettlement overseas. Meanwhile, 23 Vietnamese

refugees landed in the southern Thailand coastal province of asked to leave the province after being supplied with food. Also from Bangkok, it was reported that 49 Indo-Chinese refugees will be flown to the United States tonight under a programme sponsored by the

for European Migration to air-lift 1,200 refugees to third countries. The committee has airlifted 2 total of 55,620 Indo Chinese refugees from Thailand to third countries, mostly France and the United

Nakhon Si Thammarat on More than 130,000 IndoMore than 130,000 IndoMore than 130,000 IndoMore than 130,000 IndoChinese refugees have flocked to Thailand since the communist takeover of Indo-China began in April, 1975. A total of
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Twain is then consigned to "black hole" under the

heavenly marble where he has a

vision of the wretched of the earth. The show invites our

compassion for them and anger

against the unfeeling angels

who drag Twain out of their

company. In the next scene, though, he is ascending the

heavenly skyscraper with a hideously mutilated lift man

whom the show ridicules as an

old Christian soldier. Only cripples with the right creden-

tials are allowed to arouse sym-

In the second act, Malcolm

Storry switches from a silly-

ass St Peter to a velver-jacketed

angel of death who stages a pupper show of Twain's family

bereavements; another piece of

divine sadism, in which Twain

changing from a pained spec-

tator to an eloquent commenta-tor. Finally he leaves heaven

and teams up with Huck Finn on the raft, where the whole family are finally reunited.

"We're all throw-outs round here."

Mr Mitchell, the lyrics are

streets ahead of the normal pro-

duct, and at least in the final number, "I'm bout Satisfied", he and Mike Westbrook flood the place with exhilarating

There is plenty to admire in

Richard Eyre's production:

Polly Warren as the angelically

impersonating anything from a

Mississippi steamboat to an apopleptic Feniore Cooper;

and Trevor Peacock's white-

maned Twain, who comes mag-

nificently to life whenever heaven retreats and gives him

the stage to himself. Otherwise one regress that such a man

should have been used for axe-

grinding, and that the blade has

wayman. Macheath, are out-numbered by new names: Lord

Bucktooth, Judy Grouple and

Hemp, in a few minutes the

play turns from eighteenth-

century England to French comedy, piling unsuitable people in various states of

undress into a wardrobe and

introducing an Italian hair-

Mr Bond's direction stirs the French portion of his play with

gusto, wringing laughter with

assurance from stereotypes, and

good comic playing from David Fielder and Philip Donaghy; but then he stops the action to

explain that Italians are not really as he presents them, but

merely living up to expectations. His free-for-all farce-making

is well established by the end of the first act, and, if he had

kept up the pace, he might have

justified his cannibalization of the play. Soon, however, the anachronism begin to take over,

and he rolls in present-day mer-

chandizers and the press, plan-

ning to market Macheath's death like "Elvis Presley's ".

He attempts to save his romp with romance, letting Polly

abandon her love for Macheath

and fall for her father's bouncer because he dares to say " nick-

ers" to Mr Peachum, There is

a song about it: "I'll stand up for love and say nickers".

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Duras at her most seductive India Song (a) tive way of doing things; India Song, for instance, was made in a mere two weeks' Camden Plaza shooting, without synchronized sound. Above all, she commands a following among a lot Manson (x, GL€) Essential Cinema Club of people who are themselves to be taken seriously: in Film I Was Fifteen (x) Comment, for instance, Jan Dawson called India Song "a

pussionate litany of love and death, and perhaps the first true sound film". However elusive or unsympathetic you find her films (and 1 do) Marguerite Duras is a woman to be taken seriously. India Song was originally commissioned by Peter Hall as She is a writer gifted with sena play to open the National Theatre in 1972; but because sibility and success. The great passion for cinema she has evinced in late middle age of postponements, this British production never materialised. A film of 1973, La Femme du she was 43 when she wrote Hiroshima Mon Amour and 53 Gunge, was a sort of aketch for the film version; and in 1974 the film version; and in 1974 the text was published as "texte theatre film". Finally, later the same year, Mme before she directed her first film La Musica 10 years agol is no girlish firtation. As a film-

later the same year, Mme Duras produced her own definitive screen version. It is one of her most accessible and, in its rather soportfic fashion, seductive works. The actors (Delphine Seyrig, Michel Lonsdale, Mathieu Carriere) are attractive; the images are beautiful; the music of Carlos d'Alesso, with its pastiche of Thirties dance music, Is haunting. The film

has its own powerful atmosphere—even though Mmc Duras's India was all shot in Paris; it has a sort of suspense and a story.

The setting is the diplomatic world of Imperial India in 1937, and the core of the film is a

and the core of the film is a reception at the French Embassy. As the little group of half a dozen characters drift in various permutations through the empty reception rooms (Mme Duras eliminated the other guests as "ingssential" though we occasionally hear the hum of their conversation), voices off relate elliptically the past and future, at once the memory and the once the memory and the prediction of a scandal. The one woman in the group

seems also to be the woman in the memorial picture which stands among finwers and smoking incense on a side table. This is (or was, or may be: there's no certainty of anything in this Duras world)
Mmc Streeter, the wife of the
Ambassador. There is tulk of a
scandal in Bangkok, of her tormented life audd the heat and lepers of India, of another scandal with the French Vice-Consul from Lahore—a title which is reiterated like an incaptation throughout the film. It is this scandalous infutua-tion which will prove (or has already proved) mysteriously

Mme Duras has described the making of the film and the Sharon Tate and LaBianca means by which she arrived at murders or the subsequent the making of the nim and the murders or the supsequent means by which she arrived at murders or the supsequent the effect she desired. The trials, Instead it offers a por-trait and an insight into the motions listening to a precise home life of the Manson reading of the text, complete "Family". with stage directions. The subThe camera explores the In refusing a certificate the child has the merit of not traction of this sound left ramshackle old ranch which BBFC expressed fears that the being cute.

There is of course a famous

precedent—the prentiere, no less—for abandoning a com-plete Trojans and giving only

the second part, The Trojans at Carthage. That was the course forced on Covent Garden for

their present revival, which opened the 1977-78 season on

Wednesday: the more regret-table in the kight of the proud record of the house as regards

Artistically the loss is severe. To prise off The Capture of

Troy not only makes pointless certain leatures of The Trojans

at Carthage, for example the musical reminiscences and the

appearances of the ghosts of

people we ought already have met; it further undermines the

force of the work because it removes the sense of destiny that should stalk through it so powerfully. The gods' insistence

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India Song: Delphine Seyrig, Claude Mann and Didier Flamand

behind the "distracted once ironically was the home Manson quality" which the director of W. S. Hart, the straightest bedonist, required of her performers. man that ever rode Holly- practices Whether you respond or not owned it and cheerfully made it over to Charlie Manson between the sound and the feel of the Manson bewilderment in the face of her own characters (in interviews she says the will depend entirely on whether you are hooked on Duras's cliptical and myste-

They appear in the film too (even the police were baffled now some of this material had her own characters (in interviews she says things like "I'm not too sure, but I think the attaché knew M Streeter but not his wife..."). It also helps if you can pick up the Patricia Krenwinkle, Leslie suggett, how persistent evil Van Houten, Mary Bruner, all can be. The director of the prove to be nice-looking, film, Laurence Metrick, was bright, atticulate, all-American subjected to death threats durlinks and references to other works in which the same characters appear. If you are not buoked, you will fairly cer-tainly find it heavy going. There's no area of indifference high-school types dressed up in Peter Pan tunies. The horror

between. Manson is a blood-curdling document, and one can sym-pathize with the fears of the British Board of Film Censors when they refused the film a certificate some five years ago. Now it opens under the club conditions provided by Derek Hill's Essential Cinema (Saturday evenings from October 1). Unlike Tom Gries's documentary reconstruction, Helter

Skelter, which was recently shown in London, the film is not a comprehensive account of the case, and barely touches on the bloody horrors of the

that Acheas move on to found

a new Troy in Italy is apt to seem a little arbitrary if one

has not been made aware of the

There was one small compen-

sation for the foreshortening. We were permitted to hear the

prelude Berlioz supplied for the premiere, not before heard at

Covent Garden: a noble piece,

made of a long, sombre, sus-tained wind melody, with rich harmonic punctuation from the strings and sinister rumbles

from the basses, and ending with full, resonant organ-like

sonorities. It was finely played,

as indeed was the entire score.
Colin Davis has never wanted
in physical vigour or refinement
of colour in this work; but now
he seems to have enriched his

interpretation. The sound itself

is warmer, the expressive impli-

cations more powerful, the timing more subtle. There was

much beautiful and responsive

orchestral playing, a good omen for the season (which it surely

But not everything repre-sented improvement. The stag-ing, for a start. The production,

Glyndebourne Touring

Theatre Royal, Norwich

The great attraction of Glynde-

bourne's current autumn tour, which began in Norwich this week, will doubtless be Mozart's

Don Giovanni in Peter Hall's recent, much discussed produc-

Giovanni's descent to Hell, have had to be simplified for a smaller stage, but the bold, increasingly illuminating inter-

pretation survives whole, and

in spite of many cast-changes.

Calvin Simmons conducts it, hard and fast and unromantic-

ally, a right match for a pro-duction whose tonality, not-withstanding the music's festive

D major, might be described

as remorseless and unresigned despair. It is the despair of

Eiddwen Harrhy's Donna Anna,

small and venomous, a Cocreau-

like Fury, electric and harsh

yer thoroughly musical in "Or sai chai l'Onore"; and of Rosalind Plowright's tall,

highly-emotional Elvira, her rage barely contained in "Ah, fuggi il traditor" yet convinc-ingly dispelled i rule trio "Ah

taci, ingiusto core" when she

hears the pleading voice of her

faithless beloved (Elvira is a

very complicated person, as

Chiefly it is the despair, most

remorseless of all, which

propels Giovanni to his donin,

and which Thomas Allen (the

only survivor of the summer's

new production) conveys quite

brilliantly in many moods, from the calculated imination honey of "Deh vieni alla finestra" to the joyless insis-

finestra" to the joyless insis-tence of "Fin ch'han dal vino",

for once sung in time and in

more impressive (carefree jubi-

music justice).

tune throughout, therefore the as it is carried to the balcony.

lation never seems to do the also took a little time on Tues-

Miss Plowright makes clear).

William Mann

Opera

the old one.

talk, freely and cheerfully, about the life of the Family, the hypotic influence of Manson and his lethol anti-social philosophies, the case with which they all took to the idea of murder. They are appalling because they cannot be sense that the parking the acting school her results from a discontinuous and the call of the call because they cannot be segre-gated as some independent monstrous growth; they are, rather, a freakish distortion of society itself. They revel in the role, easily and glibly pattering out the self-justificatory indict-ments of society with which

vided them. Hore, even, is Charlie Manson himself, a gnome-like little creature with fiery black eyes and a gift for oratory which at least gives some clue to the power that convinced his followers that he was either

the media have generously pro-

Volanekis, is noted as "staged by Elijah Moshinsky", who doubtless had many difficulties to coptend with. I admit that my heart sank as the curtain rose on a solid and orderly phalanx of celebrating Carthaginians, who duly split off into tidy groups either side of the stage. Nor could one be much persuaded by the busy buzzing among the Trojans at the news of larbas's invasion; nor by the wooden, unmagical (not to say unrealistic) treatment of the great Septet and the love duet.

There was none of the action the programme book properly specified for the Royal Hunt and Storm, nor any hint later that Dido and Aeness might have some into a cave during that scene for anything other than to talk about the weather, or to wait for it to blow over. And many of us, I imagine, sympathized heartily with Dido's weariness at the exhibition of dancing. The sets by Nicholas Georgiadis serve little more than adequately, with the conventional Moorish exoticism in Act I and the Act II trees-

sinuating bass for Leporello (a

duction of Verdi's Falstaff

makes its second appearance in

a Glyndebourne tour, the pro-duction now loyally adapted by

Julian Hope for other circumstances. A little of the Glynde-

bourne magic is muted: the distant Berkshire landscape has

periorce lost its third dimen-sion, though it is skilfully

painted so as to deceive the

eye; the three climbers in Windsor Forest appear less numerous or less visible. But

touring facilities oblige Falstaff to remain in Ford's Jaundry

basket until it is tipped into

rhe Thames, and uproarious it is to behold a podgy arm pierce

despairingly from under the lid

rowed time.

datore.

originally the work of Minos to provide a background to some of the most exquisite love music ever written—finding their inspiration in Dover sole Yvonne Minton makes a

Dido of great poise and dig-nity, if not perhaps of tragic grandeur. Her finely sustained line served admirably in the first act "Proud is your first act "Proud is Queen" (the performance in English); and in the love music she allowed the tone to become narmer and more cibrant. But in the last act there was not much edge, or pussion, or much vitality to the articulation. Fine singing does not go quite far enough. Richard Cassilly made a heroic attempt at Aeneas, a part that lies outside his tlike most tenors') scope: he can cope with some of the vigorous music, but the tenderness and warnith obligatory in Act II were wanting In Ionas's music John Precknock did not sound free of strain; but I enjoyed Rubin Loggate's easy lyrical tenor in Hylas's song, while Ann Murray and Anne Collins gave nicely judged impersonations of

lems of balance and ensemble

Mr Alien's Giovanni has perfect manners but no scruples, and first-night nerves the open-ing scene did not firmly click, though it was held together by no charm, and no future either : that he sings the music to the dauntless personality and artistry of Jonathan Summers admiration, even touches the heart like an expert confidence trickster, is as nothing to his artistry of Jonathan Summers in the name part. This "vecchin John" is no veteran, indeed spry and light on his toes though undeniably a "pezzo grosso", his hortom protruding as much as his belly or his Cyrangesour nase. He is seed complete portrayal of an infernal machine surviving on bor-Fortunately also his voice is a robust baritone, so that the Cyrano-esque nose. He is seedy and slovenly but indestructibly male characters are properly contrasted musically, since we have Malcolm King's light, in-

sympathetic, his convivida charm hardly pierced by anger or suffering, nor tempered by aristocratic Hauteur, which he shabby charmer, very Italian;, John Rath's dark ver malleable bass Masetto, and John Tran-ter's deep black bass Commenlost long since. Chiefly, though, Mr Summers is a Falstaff who has completely Above them, in ensembles, is absorbed what Boito and Verdi Keith Lewis's mellifluous Otta-vio, flexible, gentle in character put into the role, and he com-municates it freshly and vividly, even to those who cherish green memories of great Falstaffs and sympathetic. Only Diana Montague's Zerlina does not fit this carefully contrasted en-semble of characters, and she, tall and distantly attractive, very unrural, sings her music

from past years. His delivery of "Mondo rubaldo" etc, after climbing out of the river, almost at last gasp, and stretched supine outside the so prettily that one hardly likes Garter, was original and telling, as was "Vedrai, te lo cornifico" to complain of wrong easting. I will, however, complain that while gleefully capering round Mozart's music throughout is haphazardly graced, with and above the wretched Master almost no concern for elegant musical manners. Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's inventive, apt and delightful pro-

That first scene in the second act went particularly well. thanks not only to Falstoff but to Enid Hartle's whimsical, teasing Quickly and John Rawnsley's nicely inflected Ford, all three parts grandly sung, up to the highest Glyndebourne standard. The other ladies seemed vocally less accomplished, yet what delight to see two goie comari as truly comic as the Alice and Meg of Catherine Mc-Cord and Joyce McCrindle, and such a mordently sweet Nanetta as Miriam Bowen, prettily paired with the tall, romantic, handsomely voiced Fenton Richard Berkeley Steele. With the Bournemouth Sinfonierra Nicholas Eralthwaite explored the treasures of Verdi's score thoroughly and affectionately, The magic of Verdi's score at first over-enthusiastically-a venial fault in so lovable an day to exert itself. With prob- operaWhite Suit Blues

Old Vic

David Robinson

Family and their anti-Establishment

gerously attractive to impres-

sionable young people; while the fantasy view of life re-flected in the film too easily

minimizes the horror of the crimes committed. It might, in-

deed, have seemed that to give a more graphic and repellent

account of the murders might have lessened the possible

There is a footnote which

subjected to death threats dur-

ing the period he was making

the film. Lest year he was

murdered in the parking lot of the acting school he ran with

I Was Fiftgen is about the

terrors of adolescence in terrid rural Scandinavia. Little Peter

zoes from the calm of the city.

where his father is merely hav-

ing a nervous breakdown, to

the country where his randy uncle is deceiving his aunt

with an unwed mother up in

the woods, and there is a scan-

dal about the disappearance of

another girl. You might think they would all have their hands and everything too full to bother with Peter's sexual

initiation, but not a hit of it.
If the scene seems very

familiar fand maybe it really is like that in the Scandinavian

picture is at least freshly handled by Knut Andersen;

countryside) this

dangers of the film.

Irving Wardle Mark Twain, the latest literary ghost to walk the London stage, proves an even more whimsical presence than Stevie Smith and

Emily Dickinson. That might not be your impression from a glance at Adrian Mitchell's script (which reaches the Vic via Nottingham and Edinburgh). Most of it is allegedly by Twain him-self, and very robust it seems when you shut your eyes. But if this biographical fantasy proves anything, it is that words

are a poor match for a determinedly perverse mis-en-scene. The show opens with a funeral service that comes to a premature halt when Twain bursts out of his coffin and joins in the party. But despite appearances to the contrary, he is dead and to prove it be stroils through the swing doors

into a paradise that suggests a particularly oppressive Civil Service house party. Twein may have written ar length on the subject of heaven. But it is one thing for him to

pen the Letters from the Earth as a suffering mortal, and another for him to roll up with a Havona cigar and demand an

instant reunion with his dear As it happens, only his daughter Susy is on the premises (the others having gone to seek him elsewhere); and the price of finding even her is to be put through a gruel-ling interrogation by a public school Sr Peter. That sets the stage for a bit of autobiography; but the comic flash-back to a fence-painting episude in Hannibal, Missouri,

stands little chance against the over-written duer, "I can call it all back", that accompanies

The Beggar's Opera

Everyman, Liverpool

Ned Chaillet

Highwaymen, whores and crooked lawmen welcome the audiences to the newly respectand rebuilt premises of the Everyman Theatre in Liverpool. The new auditorium has seating on three sides of a square, sloping down in comfortable pews to a broad acting area. Once renowned for its scruffiness, it is now an elegant and complete entertainment centre with spacious bars and a good

restaurant. Chris Bond's choice of a play to open the new building was obviously part of a wish to keep in touch with the old image. Contrary, however, to what might have been the expectarions of a few others, besides myself, The Bezgar's Opera is not at all the tart play by John Gay, but it is Mr Bond's entirely new farce using the title, some of the names, snatches of the songs and almost none of the plor. At the beginning there are

elements of Gay's play and for a few minutes it seems to diverge little more than Brecht's Threepenny Opera from the story, although in deference to the theatre's past there is a brief attempt to pretend that the production is put on by squatters in the new theatre.

But it is not long before Mr and Mrs Peachum, their daughter, Polly, and the high-

derivative adaption. being brilliantly ingenious rewritings of another's music, Miss Brancart was more poised in the Paganini Studies.

Valerie Tryon began with a

cogent performance of the

Bach-Liszt A minor Prelude and

Fugue, this being all the more enjoyable because in these puritanical days such arrangements are not quite respectable.

Her splendid programme of rarities included more studies, and we heard vivid projections.

eloquent and spontaneous, of "Il Lamento", "Ab Irato" and

"Au bord d'une source", sparkled demurely. "Czardas Macabre" glowered darkly.

while the Dante Sonata received

a performance of great force and pungency. Impressive in a

related manner were the sombre colours of "Aux Cypres de la Villa d'Este". Alas, it is not

possible even to note all the pieces by this absurdly neglected composer that Miss

Tryon gave us, but we shall be lucky if this feast of magni-

similar pieces.

Brancart/Tryon Wiemore Hall

So crowded is the schedule of the present Liszt Festival that the Wigmore Hall had on Wednesday to put on two concerts in the same evening. The first, by Evelyne Brancart, sampled the Transcendental and Puganini Studies, two peaks of Romantic piano virtuosity. She has the almost perfect keyboard mechanism the Transcendental pieces especially demand, and "Eroica" or even "Wilde "Eroica" or even "Wilde Jagd" posed no apparent executive difficulties.
Yet Miss Brancart just as

conspicuously lacks the imagi-nation such works still more insistently require.
As an interlude

arrangements for viola, made and played by Arar Arad, of the two versions of La Lugubre Gondola", beautiful piano solos from Liszt's final years. They superfluous. because they are more objective than the Transcendental items,

The Rhinegold Coliseum

Barry Millington

The third cycle of the English National Opera's Ring produc-tion was launched on Wednesday under the baton of Charles Mackerras. His interpretation is a direct, immediate one. Compared with Reginald Goodall's, heard in the earlier two cycles, it is less revealing in the small unit, the individual notes and phrases, than in the large, the musical paragraphs that coalesce into the pillars of the structure. Of the four cast changes, Malcolm Rivers as Alberich, John Dobson as Mime, Sarah

Walker as Fricks, and Helen Attfield as Erda, only the first two successfully combined vocal merit with dramatic conviction. In the absence of Derek Hammond Stroud's Alberich, now only Emile Belcourt as sources Loge makes anything like subject,

ficent piano playing is surpassed in the entire festival optimal use of gesture, posture, eye contact and similar stage techniques. But the fault is largely the production's: when Wotan eventually makes his shameful decision to rob Alberich of the ring and commands Loge to follow him, Frob is the only one of the three onlookers to react by shuffling a foot; Erda's somewhat upexpected appearance apparently causes little surprise to any-

one. One could continue. Mr Mackerras's interpretation has much to offer and would. I think, serve even better the invention of a Friedrich or a Chereau in a way that Reginald Goodall's magisterial, epic reading never could. The Blatchley/ Byam Shaw production remains one of many beautiful moments and poetic inspirations integrated into a consistent whole, but it is not, for me at least a production to send one back to the score, the libretto, the sources or to literature on the

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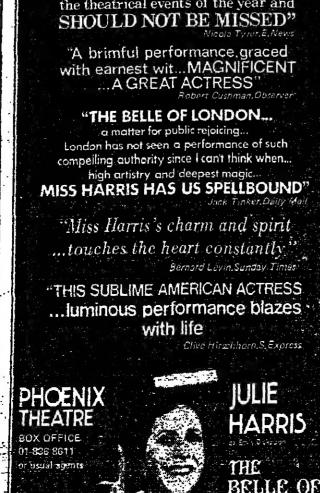
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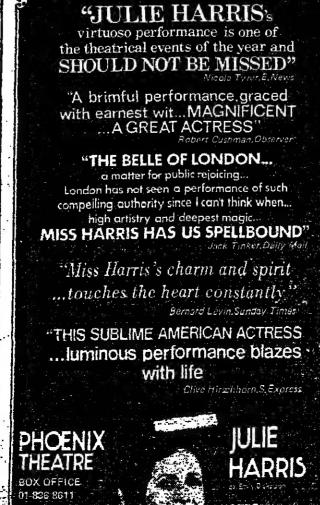
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BELLIE OF AMHERST.

Football

Best performance by Scotland but | Cherry Hinton to be even more too early for lap of honour

had the ability to counter attack cleverly inrough Pollak, Nehoda and Masny yet the defence gave them no comfort. Scotland persisted with the accurate high.

centre, usually from Johnston to the head of Jordan and they scored all of their goals that way. There was irony here because England are being discouraged to

use this traditionally powerful British tactic. The difference was that Johnston rarely centred in

hope. He seemed to know exactly the speed and direction of Jordan's approaches. Against fordan's approaches. Against hesitant defences such a move, when carried out thoughtfully can

still be devastating, and Scotland took the chances that it presented as Jordan in turn played the ball linto the compass of Dalglish.

Football Correspondent Eavesdropping on a group of apparently angry Scottish supporters erratically meandering home along Sauchiehail Street early yesterday morning I discovered that a good evening at Hampden Park had not been fulfilled to their complete satisfac-tion. Scotland had not taken a lap of honour after beating Czechoslovakia 3—1 in a World Cup qualifying match earlier in For an Englishman privileged to share the delight of a splendid Scottish performance after suffer-ing the many failures of England, the point of the Glaswegians' debate hardly seemed credible, but Ally MacLand the Scottish

MacLeod, the Scottish ger, took it seriously h. A lap of honour would ave been premature, he said. The business of qualifying for rgentina is not over yet." The

as Jordan in turn prayed the van linto the compass of Dalglish. For an hour or so after a slightly uncertain start Scotland gave the Czechoslovaks a trying time, scoring regularly through Jordan, Hartford and Dalglish and dominating the midfield. Czechoslovakia had no appetite for the fire Scotland put into their tackles and, indeed, their team manager, Josef Venglos complained that the Scots played "too hard". Rioch was particularly punishing on any slowness in the Czechoslovak control, but the central character was Masson, who was deservedly highly praised by Mr MacLeod. His reading of the game's main passages was almost faultless and was certainly the main reason why the Czechoslovaks failed to make progress after starting with some Argentina is not over yet." The Scottish supporters were convinced that the bearing of Wales at Anfield on October 12 was a formality and yesterday many of Scotland's leading football experts were describing Wednesday's game as the best they had seen from the Scots for years.

Wales can still qualify, having two matches in hand, and the Scots have a goal difference of only plus 1, but there is no doubt that if Scotland repeat their performance of Wednesday night when they play Wales, they will surely secure their tickets for Argentina without awaiting the result of the last game in the group. The positions now are: progress after starting with some well planned counter-attacks.
This clear thinking and commanding aspect of Scotland's present football emphasized

As expected, the Czechoslovaks were not the smooth, exciting side of a year ago when they won the European championship. They still had the ability to counter attack cleverly tirrough. Pollak, Nehoda Macarl or Gennull without alternation of the defence area. Macari of Gemmili without after-ing their style. Whereas England are desperately trying to salvage something from disorder by play-ing a Liverpool club unit, the Scots here achieve a sense of team understanding with players from no less than nine different

> by a fulsome victory over Czechoby a fulsome victory over Czechoslovalda, will give Scotland a
> solvit of confidence that Wales will
> find difficult to overcome, but in
> the past the Scots have had a
> disturbing habit of relaxing before
> the task is completed. This happened even on Wednesday at
> Rampden when the Czechoslovals
> were on their knees, three goals
> down, and with only 10 minutes
> left. Suddenly, Galdusek crossed
> into the Scottish half and slammed an unexpected shot from 25 yards. Rough seemed to think the ball was going wide, and made a late attempt to retrieve the situation, but he was not the only Scot guilty of self-satisfied day-dream-

this they must guard against. For the moment, though, Mr MacLeod can truthfully say: "It was a night when Scotland went out to football we are capable of playing. I don't think many would argue that this was the classiest performsuce by any team at Hampden for

Murphy to leave Derby

After a Derby County board assistant to Mr Docherty. Mr meeting, it was announced yester-day evening that their former manager. Colin Murphy, and his where, refrused to comment. manager, Colin Murphy, and his assistant, Dario Gradi, are to leave the club. Mr Murphy lost his job last Saturday when Derby appointed Tommy Docherty. The board revealed that they offered Mr Murphy the job of

Tommy Cavanagh, is the favourite to join Mr Docherty, his former manager, at the Baseball Ground. If Cavanagh does so, Pat Crerand may return to Old Trafford as David Sexton's assistant.

Wednesday's results

WORLD CUP: Group one: Poland Denmark 1. Group seven: Scotland Coccholovahia 1. OTHER INTERNATIONALS: Romania 6. Greece 1: Switzerland 1. Spain 2: Bulgaria 3. Turkey 1. Upder 21: Finland 1. USSR 0. Finanti I. USSR 0.

FA CUP: First gualifying round replays: Foliham 2. Epsom and Ewell 1 after extra lime; Harwich and Parkosion 1. Billericay Town 4 corrected result: Tring Town 4. Heriford Town 3: Tunbridge Wells 0. Croydes 2.

Rugby Union

Scrum halves in good supply

Rugby Correspondent

The imminent arrival of John Robbie, the Irish international at Cambridge means that the University again will not be short of scrum half talent, and it looks as if Joe Davies, the former Welsh schools international, now due to begin his fourth year of studies, will be unlucky once more. begin his fourth year of studies, will be unlucky once more. Davies, indeed, may be disputing the LX club position with Iau Peck, a mienned games player from Bedford who, I am told, had the better of Kenney, the Leicester scrum half, in a trial before the England under-23 side was selected for Canada.

Ian Robertson, the Cambridge coach, rates Robbie highly indeed. Had Robbie not suffered a serious leg injury last season, Robertson thought his claims for a place in the Lious' side were second only to those of Gareth Edwards. "He Harding ", he said.

Robertson is always good for a vely quote, and this latest bservation is clearly intended to observation is clearly intended to spark off an interesting response from Alun Lewis, who has played against Oxford for the past two years and who was flown out to New Zealand as a Lions' replacement, for Brynmor Williams. Lewis, now recovering from appendictis, has yet to start his new season. Robertson thought fit to send him a get well telegram which read: "Hope nothing trivie!" and was signed "Garoth Edwards and Brynmor Williams".

Bloodstock sales

Tumble Wind colt sold for 5,000 gns

Bidding, as expected, was not as keen and prices were very much below those of the three days of the premier yearling sales when Goffs concluded their September sessions with the second part of the catalogue at Kildare Paddocks yesterday.

Top price by lunchtime was 5,000 guineas paid by Bloodstock Services (Ireland) for a Tumble wind coit out of the winning for Gazer mare Mansfield. Sent op from the Ballymoney Park stud the coit comes from a good jumping family and is half-brother to two winners over hurdles. to two winners over hurdles.

Jermot Weld, the trainer, gave
4,600 guineas for a bay colt by
the Parson out of the winning
Javelot mare Vital Error, dam of five winners.

For 4,100 guineas Paul Cole secured a Red God colt out of days of the premier sales was announced by Goffs. Of the 459 lots on offer 432 changed owner-ship for an average of 9,006 guineas, an increase of 19 per cent on last year.
The figures for 1976 were 451 lots sold, an average of 7,545

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red
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Ravos 6, Housion Astros 3; Cincinnall Reds 1, San Diego Padros 2; San
Francisco Loinis 5, Los Angeles Dodgred 4; Wontreal Expos 4, St Louis
Cardinals 2 and 2—8.

Hockey

ROME: Intercontinental Cap: Group A: Ghana 3. France 2. Poland 2. Canada 1: Soviet Union 2. Kenya 2. Group B: Japan 1. Nigeria 0: Belgitm 4. Mexico G: Italy 0. Ireland 1. mastch abandoned because of rain—to be re-

DUBLIN: Irish professional tourna-pail, first round: 67 H. Jackson; 8: E. Darry: 69: C. O'Compor, in; Townsend: 70: J. Condon, B. Bren-

Today's fixtures Kick-off 7.3u onless stated.
FIRST DIVISION: Aston Villa
Wolverhampion Wanderers.
THIRD DIVISION: Lincoln Wolverhampton Wanderers.
THIRD DIVISION: Lincoln V
Chestericid.
FOURT: DIVISION: Southport v
Crowe: Slockport v Barnaley.
RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Lewis and Robertson were to play together at half-back for Budge Rogers's XV against Bed-ford School next Tuesday. The former Scottish international concedes that most scrum belves seek to avoid playing with him these days, but thinks that an attack of appendicitis is carrying matters to

Cambridge look once more to be well stocked with quality behind be well stocked with quality behind the strummage, though sadiy they must do without their promising midfield player. Thornton, whose knee injury, in only his second game with the England under-23 side in Canada, put his rugby future in jeopardy. It is encourag-ing to hear that he believes he can overcome the first gloomy prog-nosis and get back itno the game before too long.

The almost certain loss of Thornton, a stand-off at Dulwich College, who won his blue last year at centre, is tempered by the news that Nigel Breakey, stand-off in the University matches stand-out in the University matches of 1974 and, as a replacement for Wordsworth, of 1975, is back for a fifth year, reading medicine. He could not find the time to meet all demands for training last season and so turned out for the Bedford club instead.

Fosh, who was in the centre with Thornton last December is available again after further cricket for the university and Essex, and another cricket Blue, Parker, who plays for Sussex, will be seeking a place on the wing. Parker looked a good performer last rugby season, but he had hot competition in the persons

O'Callaghan, I gather, should be in residence at lesst until Christmas and so may be available again. In that case, he would have the opportunity, along with the new captain and England full back, Rignell, to finish on the wiming side against Oxford for a fourth successive year. That is an achievement presently standing to the credit of C. D. Aarvold (now judge Sir Carl, and president of the Lawn Tennis Association), who played for Cambridge in 1925-26-27 and 28.

The Ulster centre, Horner, who O'Callaghan, I gather, should 1925-26-27 and 28.

The Ulster centre, Horner, who has been pursued by injuries at Cambridge, must again be a strong contender in his third year.

strong contender in his third year. His tackling is pretty conclusive. Possession against the big guns in their demanding fixture list seems likely to be the perennial Cambridge problem. Of last year's pack it seems that Buder, the Pontypool number eight, is the only certain starter. But last conty certain starter. But last season's LX club front row will be up again, in strength, and Robertson believes that the sizable son of Ian Ford, the former Newport and Wales forward, may be putting in a timely appearance. Cambridge are playing in a sevens tournament at the Rugby Club on Sunday, and they start training next Monday—without, on that occasion, their coach, who will be at Nottingham races to observe the performance of his horse, The Italian Job. "It might be worth a modest quid of your money, though I doubt whether your Mr Michael Phillips would endorse that view ", he said

Tonna wants another world title bout

Milan, Sept 22.—France's Gratien
Tonna, who won the European
middleweight boxing title for the
second time last night by stopping
the British champion, Alan Minter,
In the eighth round, says he wants
another attempt at the world title.
But Minter, who received an inchlong gash over his right eye, was
angry and said: "The referee
should never have stopped the
fight. Fonna was dead gone. I
would tave stopped him before 15
rounds."

Tonna, who opened up a cut
on Minter's forehead in the sixth
round at a time when he seemed
to be running out of steam and
the Briton's factics were paying
off, is aiming for the world title
left vacant by Argentina's Carlos
Monzon. He hopes to meet the
winner of a bout in November
between Rodrigo Vales, of Columbia, and the American, Benny
Briscoe.

It was a see-saw battle between
the stylist Minter, who scored
steadily with conventional rights
and lefts to the face, and the
28-year-old, wild-swinging Frenchman. Tonna started out by trying
to land fierce punches in hopes
of a quick knock-out, but Minter
tried to keep his distance and wear
down the challenger.

The Maltese-born Tonna soon sent rights thudding into Minter's body and the British southpaw, two years younger, aimed steadily for Tonna's head. In the second round Tonna landed two vicious rights to Minter's head which had the champion staggering at the ropes and followed up with an ouslaught of left and rights.

But Minter held on and came But Minter held on and came back surprisingly strongly in the third round, slamming right crosses into Tonna's face which slowed the contender's reflexes. By the fifth round, Minter had started carrying the attack to Tonna, who looked exhausted by his scores of wild swings which missed their mark. missed their mark.

Minter was peppering Tonun's face with right after right and knocked him back on his heets with a particularly vicious left. But in the sixth round Tonna fought back, scoring with one of his swings and jabs and opened the cut over Minter's eye. He went after the champion in the seventh thudding rights to his body and spreading the blood round Minter's nose. But the Briton fought hard, showing few signs of exhaustion until the blood spread and the referee, Domenico Carabellezi, intervened.

Horse trials

Half Asleep but not Wide Awake among entries

International entries include Alejandro Herrera, of Argentina, Conrad Goess-Sauran, of Austria, and Lieutenant Foster, from Ireland. There are also four Swedes, of whom the most interesting is Jan Jonsson, who won the 1972 Olympic bronze medal in Murich, and four West Germans riding horses with English names.

Among them is Wide Awake's brother. Half Asleep, ridden by

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris
The Wylye horse trials, which are international for the first time of the King's Troop, on Princess Hugh Russell's land on Salisbury Plain today. The first event is the dressage for the first half of the dressage for the first half of the 199 horses entered for the international open class and of the 105 in the national novice the same of the king's Troop, on Princess of the King's Troop, on the King's Tr

married to Pat Smythe.

Bridget Parker, who won a team gold medal in Mumch, rides Sallor for the Badminton veterinary surgeon. "Nipper" Constance. Three with recent winning form are Sally Bowley's Squirrell II, who won at Tidworth in May, Elizabeth Robinson's Montego Bay, the winner of the Bramham three-day event in June, and Wendy White with Soldier Blue, an eight-year-old by another premium stallion, Kadir Cup.

effective over longer distance

Racing Correspondent

Today's racing a Ascot has been sponsored in aid of the British Heart Foundation. A year ago Lester Piggoti won the Argos Star Fillies' Mile on Miss Pinkie, and I think that he will win the same race again this afternoon on Harry Wragg's filly Cherry Finton. Our Newmarker correspondent told me yesterday that he watched Cherry Hinton work on the round gallop on the limekilns last Saturday and that she went extremely well with an older stable companion.

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Her good chance of winning today, though, really stems from her past two races, both of which were at York. In August she finished second in the Convivial Stakes and since then John de Coombe who won the race and Formidable who finished third have drawn attention to that form by winning the Prix de Lao have drawn attention to that form by winning the Prix de Lao Salamandre, and the Mill Reef Stakes respectively. And Cherry Histon has also won in the meantime. She returned to York on September 1 and won the Tadcaster Stakes at the expense of Be Sweet who had finished third in the Lowther Stakes the previous month. The distance of the Tadcaster Stakes was six furlongs and the way that Cherry Hinton went about her business suggested that she would be even more effective racing over a longer distance the like of which she will encounter today; and that is in keeping with a filly bred the way she is.

Cherry Hinton is by that great raceborse Nijiusky and out of a good mare by Romulus. Today her opposition includes Tartan Pimperuel, Fiordiligi and Watch Out, the three fillies who dominated the fillish of the May Hill Stakes at Doncaster on St Leger on the finish of the May Hill Stakes at Doncaster on St Leger day. Tartan Pimpernel won by a head that day but this time she should not beat Flordiligi who has a lib advantage. Earlier in the year Flordiligi had been no match for Shorthouse at Sandown Park and I cannot help thinking those of us who were at Goodwood on August 26 did not see Shorthouse at her best for some unaccountable reason. She started favourite that day but could finish only fourth behind Cistus, Pearl Strand and Hutton Girl. Instead of running on strongly at the end as she had done in each of her two previous races Shorthouse found nothing at all when she came under pressure.

Going strictly on that performance Shorthouse should not beat Pearl Strand this afternoon but She could even be the one to couple with Cherry Hinton in an attempt to forecast the first two in the correct order.

Cherry Histon will not be the

only runger at Ascot today by Nijinsky who became the first borse to win the triple crown since 1935 when be won the 2,000 since 1935 when do won the 2,000 Guiness, the Derby and the St Leger in 1970. Later in the day a half brother to that very good filly Rose Bowl by Nijinsky mamed file de Bourbon will have his first Ascot results 2.0 |2.2 SWINLEY FOREST HAND! CAP (£1,390: 1m)

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5.0 (5.6) CUMBERLAND LODGE STAKES (27.510; 1.cm orange Bay, h h by Cambberger Triumph (Dr C. Virage Triumph (Dr C. Virage) P. Eddew (11.8 kw) 1
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Raffindale's record

Melbourne, Sept 22.—The English racehorse Roffindale, had his first top-class win in Australia and beat the Caulfield track record in the Mariboro Cup over 1,400 metres (about seven furlongs) today. The wigner received 72,400 Australian dollars. Raffindale, by the English five furlong record holder, Raffingora, was rated the fourth best two-year-old of his time in England and has been in Australia for about 12 months.



Orange Bay winning the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot.

race in the Philips Electrical Stakes. This also promises to be an interesting race because quite apart from those who have already done well the field also includes two other pure bred newcomers, Dactylographer who is the first two-year-old by the fine American horse Secretariat to run in this country, and Delphorrie who is by Wollow's sire Wolver Hollow and out of a full sister to the Derby winner, Charlottown.

On this occasion though, no

Derby winner, Charlottown,
On this occasion, though, no
one ought to be surprised if they
all lack the pace to keep up with
M-Lolsham, Be Better, Geraido
and Home Run. Yves Saint-Martin
is flying over from France especially to tide Be Better which may
well be a rip in itself, but I still
prefer Home Run who just managed to best Deed of Gift at
Windsor earlier this month.
M-Lolsham who did a good time
when he won at Newbury a week
ago could turn out to be the main
stumbling block as far as Home
Run is concerned.

The finish of the Taylor Wood-

The finish of the Taylor Wood-row Charity Stakes could be be-tween Apple Peel and Fawn. Apple Peel was fancied to win the Northern Goldsmith's Trophy at Newcastle last month but she had Newcastie last month but she had to be withdrawn at the start when she went lame. She is in fine form again now, though, and expected to run really well. But I still doubt whether even she will manage to beat Fawn who won her lest race at Sandown so impressively.

The admirable Orange Bay booked his ticket to Longchamp for this year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe when he ran away with the Combertand Lodge Stakes at Ascot yesterday. He is now a 16-1 chance for the big. French race in the ame-post lists. Yesterday Orange Bay could hardly have been more impressive. Ridden with great dash by the champion jockey Patrick Eddery he took up the running in Swinley Bottom and never relaxed his stranglehold on the prize. and never relaxed his stranglebold on the prize.

Meneval hooked dangerous turning for home but when Lester Piggott let him down and asked him to try to catch Orange Bay he did not stride out on ground that was firmer than he cares for. Meneval is unlikely to run in the Arc unless the ground changes which means that Piggott will definitely be on his stable companion Alleged. Hot Grove, who finished third yesterday, five and a half lengths behind Orange Bay, will not race again this season but will remain in training as a four-year-old.

Incidentally, Benry Cecii told me that Locky Wednesday will wait for the Champion Stakes and that his good filly Royal Bive, who ran so well at Longchamp last Sunday, when she finished second in the Prix Vermeille, may well return to Forance mext.

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Calibina should kee favourites out again

By Jim Snow

With 25 runners the field for today's Burmash Castrol Ayr Gold Cup, still the season's most valuable six furlong handicap, is the biggest since Royben defeated 27 rivals in 1971. The record field was 10 years ago when Peter O'Sulleyan's fine sprinter, and now successful sire, Be Friendly, put up a memorable performance for a three-year-old in defying 8st 9fb in a field of 33.

In the past 20 years three-year-olds have won 10 times, four and five times respectively, and the oldest horse to win was the six-year-old mare, Jacintha in 1957. Those who back the favourite, likely to be the Richmond-rasmed Bediam Hill, heavily backed yesterday, or Cedar Grange, also a three-year-old and winner of his last three races, will draw little comfort from the record of first market choices. The last favourite to win was the three-year-olds, the pick of whom may be Bediam Hill.

I expect the three-year-olds, the pick of whom may be Bediam Hill and Cedar Grange, and Michael Easterby's pair Jon George and Whenly, to go well. Bediam Hill, Ceriar Grange, and Michael Easterby's pair jon George and Whenly, to go well. Bediam Hill, ceitar Grange, and Michael Easterby's pair jon George and Whenly, to go well. Bediam Hill, beaten; once in his last four naces and second in the £10,000 Northumberland Sprint Trophy to Daring March, might be the best of these four opecations and the Stakes. They will be ridden Geoffrey Baxter, who has mount on Calibina in the Stakes. They will be ridden Geoffrey Baxter, who has mount on Calibina in the Stakes. They will be ridden Geoffrey Easter, who has mount on Calibina in the Stakes. They will be ridden Geoffrey Easter, who has mount on Calibina in the Stakes. They will be ridden Geoffrey Easter, who has a the Stakes with Calibina who

olds.

Rowever my choice goes to the five-year-old mare, Calibina, who has behind her, this season, victories in the Wokingham Stakes at Ascot and the Spillers Stewards Cup at Goodwood, and she ran a fine race two weeks ago when

Bruce Hobbs has a first chance of a double with Mai McCloud in the Coyle Stakes with Quality Blake in the A Stakes. They will be ridden Geoffrey Baxter, who has mount on Calitina in the big At the St Leger meeting, Man McCloud started favourite was beaten a short head by Cring Moment. It was his first and it was a promising diin defeat.

Move Off ends career by emulating his sire's feat

Move Off followed in the foot-steps of his sire, Farm Walk, when winning the Ayrshire Handiwhen whiming me Ayrsin's rating cap by three-quarters of a length from Slim Jim at Ayr yesterday and ended his racing career on a victorious note. Move Off, a four-year-old ridden by Jimmy Bleasdale, was always up with the leaders but it was not until close Bleasdale, registering the 72nd winner of his career, said:
"Move Off began to wander inside the last furlong to the left".
Move Off, home bred by William

who won the race in 1967.

There was a surprise in the Shaw Memorial Haudicap when Royal Estate beat Mar Greig by a length. Gaos, the 6-5 favourite, was an undistinguished third, a further half a length behind. Tony Kimberley, putting up 2 lb. overweight on Jeremy Hindley's Royal Estate, waited until inside the final furiong before pushing his mount clear.

Bill of Goorman, of Newmarket.

Bill O'Gorman, of Newmarket, has only 12 borses in his yard but is enjoying his best season. Manor

Farm Boy scrambled home head from Negative Respons the Harry Rosebery Chan Trophy to provide O'Gorman his 16th victory of the year. Quality Blakes has won to send in her six races has finished out of the first four. will stay the 1m 7f and is prefet to The Coral Horse, successive in his last three runs to Mixed Melody, narrowly be by Henry Cecil's useful three yould stayer, Crack of Light, at I cer. The American ban

to permit the entry of year's and foals.

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Ascot programme

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Ayr programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.5. 3.35 and 4.5 races]



3.05 AYR GOLD CUP HANDICAP (£12,143 : 6f)

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The first round leader had made as spectacular start with two hiddes in the first three holes, but the turning point came at the style (409 yards) on which Huggest gives birdie three while Delay sumed to one over par. As the prograt turned for home for the fact nine there were two surokes storaging Deroy from Huggest.

charging Detoy from Huggett, gate in the spring and sureman Diloy had reached the turn in 36 meetings was won by Colin and Huggett in 33. On the 15th, MacLachian, 75 and 74, total 149.

Traig Defuy, having thrown about his overnight lead of five strikes, finally won the Welsh Professional Golf championship art the Glamorganshire links at Penarth yesterday in a play-off with the Ryder Cup capitals. Brian Briggett

10: force the play-sit, the 30-yes-rold World Cup nlaver Defoy knucked in the post. The winding with a par four to a five.

14. 15 K. James, 71, 72 R. Hounes

The Royal and Ancient autumn medal meeting ended in a tripletic vesterday. Sandy Sinciair, the president of Scotcish Golf Union, John Sehrendl, who plays most of his golf at Hoyiake, and Peter Bucher, the former Lothian champion, each carded 73. The George Clennia medal for the best agreeast in the sories and autumn

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Ted Fort seems likely to fill it runner-up's place, although he could be heaten if he has a por result today. This does not ram likely, though, as he has his consistently well placed, with the second places and two fifths lifus best five out of 4ts races. Citiopiter Hobday spoiled his cince of clusing the gap on Forth finishing 12th vesterday and disped from third to fifth in the puts table.

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mines. Undoubtedly he shows are potential in a class where are potential in a class where the state of the world. But until heas competed in a few internantal events it will be difficult to adopt its those made its. It success at Hotyhead and the RY grant that accompanied it. White him the opportunity to go, the next world champion-

ships, where he will be up against far tougher opposition. At the moment one cannot even say he is the best Soling helmsman in

moment one cannot even say he is the best Soling heimsman in Britain, as several of the class establishment were not present for one reason or another Probably they and Crebbin will not meet in earnest until Weymouth Olympic Week next year, assuming that Crebbin can commute to borrow competitive boats.

Yesterday's race was interesting in that most of the fleet chose to start alongside the committee boat, yet Christopher Osborne in Pandemonium starting at the far and of the line and sailing farther, out to sea than anyone else, was first at the windward mark. Fort made the best start of the main group, with Crebbin about third across the line.

Halfway up the best Crebbin was alread of everyone except Osborne, and he passed him on the second reaching leg. Crebbin then disappeared into the distance leaving the others to enjoy the race. Fort passed Osborne on the second beat, when there were several other place changes in the markedly lighter conditions.

Markedly Barter Combinators (P. Crobbin, Orners Marys; M. Rimmarke (E. For) Rova's Windersteres; S. Louis Garma; J. Clark, Roval Burnham); A. Schalanch; T. Wade, Royal Carlethan; S. Temetaire & Bulinter, Humble Miver; S. State, in G. Walsoni, Royal Guller, and County of the County

Fyer holds on to her lead

Viable winds have resulted in onges among the leaders on the 181 leg of the round the wor race, sponsored by Whitberg Only Flyer, a Dutch boat skipred by Cornelius van Rictschon and designed especially for 2 race, and King's Legend. a Bish wacht, have been consistely among the leaders since the et of 15 left Portsmouth a mon ago for Cape Town.

Fir. one of the few big boats to bholding her own on handitan, under than 100 miles ahead of a strbeglers. The latest plact put Plyer first with King's Legel in second place ahead of 2 530 b.at. Disque d'Or.

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Femish Arrow hits target

rrick Sercu, with his Dutch rritz, of Germany, third, Buring parer, Rene Pijnen, swept to a he final laps, two teams dropped out and three riders crashed as the leaders tore away. respectable victory in the six-day rice sponsored by Skol, at miding on Wednesday night. It was San's seventh win in London. Insifty-first six-day victory, and Pin's second win in the event. The only threat came from the Germans and the Australians. As one went off on a fiver around the steep bowl track, the other two would sprint out of the pack to try to bring them back or steal a lap with them.

An echo of triumphant year for Ballesteros

Prom Peter Ryde Waterloo, Sept 22

When Donald Swaclens, a Bel-When Donald Swaciens, a Betgain international golfer, died the
years age, he was popular enough
throughout Europe for people to
want to hold a memorial yournament in his name, even though
he had do-reputation as a winner.
The event, held last antumn, was
a modest affair and it had a
commercial sponsor in the champagne firm of Laurent-Perrier,
outside Beignum, the event
attracted little attention, although
it was noted that at distinguished
a name as Cary Player appeared
in the field of eight.
But the entry, though limited

But the entry, though limited to the point of being not much more than a spectacle, was international and strong. Above all, it produced a winner who was continental and much in the news—Severiano Ballesteros, a Spaniard in the evitables for whom the victory, by a large margin over 72 holes, was another stepping some powards a prime. margin over 12 holes, was another stepping some inwards a trivinghant European season.

It was his success in this event, followed by another easy one in the Trophee Lancome, an event of similar pattern, which made his name resound around Europe last autumn. It was also his soccess which encouraged the sponsors to hold the rournament again—it hegits today in Brussels—although

It is a small event coming between such hig events as the Ryder Cup, the Dunlop Masters and the world match play. But it is a time when not much is happening in the United States. Thus, this year, in addition to the mercurial Railesteros, Elliy Casper, a former United States Open champions but better known to us this year as a golf commentator with an American accent and no axe to grind, with the lively, recent winner of the hall of fame tournament. Another American entry is George Burns, who, like George Bayer before him, is in danger of heing belled the long hitter in American golf, which obscures the fact that he is also a tirst class player.

Also in the field is Nicholas Faldo, who was invited as the leading Briton in the order of merit. He was beaten into second place by Peter Dawson after the PGA's own championship at Foxhills but has more than retafied his glamour by his performance in the Ryder Cup. The field is completed by Ernesto Acosta, a Merkan who was the low scorer in the World Cup last winter, Fillippe Toussaint, another Beigian international and not as outgoing as Swaelens but with much class as a placer and a personality, and Baldoulno Dassu. It is a small event coming

Squash Rackets

Easter alone on the Australian circuit

By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackets Corresponden By Rex Bellamy
Squash Raciers Correspondent
John Easter, who is Jonah
Barrington's closest challenger for
supremacy in British squash, will
be the only British player competing on the entire Australian
circuit, which will begin at Perth
on Sunday, Easter, who left yesterday with a free ticker from Air
India, will be joined later by
Barrington Both will compete in
the second world open campionship, to be played at Adelaide
from October II to 22.

Britain's leading amateurs, who
have recently been deprived of
the world amateur team championship in Ortawa they fulsated
fourth, behind Pakistan, New
Zealand, and Egypt), will convest
their national individual championwin at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield,
from December 2 to 7, All three
of the previous such events were
played in London.

The more to Abbeydale,
Britain's most popular renderyous
tor big tourtaments, has occurred
because this year's championship
will be sponsiced by Thorntons,
Sheffield of the will assemble in
Sheffield after qualifying tournanents at Derby, Gloucester, New
Brighton and Wembley from
November 23 to 27.

Motor racing

Andrettiand Scheckter decide to stay put

Two of the most important

meces in the grand prix drivers' contract jiz saw have fallen into place during the past 24 hours with the confirmation that both Mario Andrem and Jody Scheckter have declined the approaches made to them by Ferrari and have decided to remain with their present teams. Andretti's decision to renew his contract with John Player Team Lotus will some as particularly good news to Colin Chapman, who good news to Colin Chapman, who during the past year has probably developed a better and more fruitful relationship with his leading driver than at any time since the death of Jim Clark in 1968. Although a series of engine problems during the past few months has put Andrett out of contention for this year's world championship, he clearly has great faith in the potential of the current Louisbulk John Player Special, which he believes can earn him the championship in 1978.

One person who disagrees with

pionship in 1978.

One person who disagrees with this prediction is Jody Scheckter, who is determined that the next Ford-powered car to take the title will be his Wolf. As the main who is living second to Landa to this year's table he has good reason for displaying such a measure of confidence. The emergence of the Walter Wolf Racing team from a back-of-the-grid contrader last year to one of the consistent from

renners during this past season has been one of the revelations of grand prix racing in 1977. An impressive reliability record bas been one of the underlying ingredients of the team's success and it is significant that not a single chassis failure has stopped Scheckter's car during a grand prix this year. This is a clear sindication of the team's policy of having three cars at their disposal but only usure one in a posal, but only using one in a race on a rotational basis. With

car one-driver team throughout Now that both Andretti and Scheckter have made their intentions known the key outstanding question on the driver front for next year is who will take the Ferrari cockpit made vacant by Lauda's switch to the Brabham team.

Scheckter's services now confirmed

In the end the size of the retainer may prove decisive, and although a contract with Ferrari has not in the past been considered to be amongst the more lucrative in grand prix racing, a Ferrari drive inevitably provides a passport to extensive supplementary sponsorship which is the reason why Lauda's racing suits in the past year have tended to take on the appearance of mobile adver-

(below) A few more hours of sunshine...

wines. White, rosé and

charming grower who

his cap off to be photo-

graphed, even though he was completely

And who are we, or you, to argue?

He said "My wine is not art to be kept."

In other words, get on and drink it, and

But the real spirit

even a few red.

of the region was

insisted on taking

summed up by a

Car rallying

Fowkes still leads as desert poses problems

Alice Springs, Sept 22.—The outback tracks of the Great Victoria desert in central Australia are taking their toll of competitors in the London-Sydney carrally.

Witton Divon, a raily spokes-man, said in Adelaide today that only 19 of the 51 cars which left Fremande in Western Abstralia on Tuesday might had registered at the checkpoint here. He said it was not known how many cars were still in the raily, but some had obviously broken down along the tracks of the desert of in the mountain ranges. the mountain ranges.

The first cars proved here in the early hours of this morning Tony Fowkes, of Britain, is still leading the field in his Mercedes after completing a faultless run

from Fremantle. Andrew Cowan, also of Britain, who won the first 50,000 km marathon in 1968, is in second place in his Mercedes, with Polish ralle champion, Sobieslaw Zasada, third, and Paddy Hoplark, of Ireland, fourth.

Iretann, tourin.
In fifth position here was
Mired Kling, of Germany (MoLedes), sixth was Brian Hillon, of
Australia (Peugaot), and seventh,
Frank Johnson, of Australia

In the Loire the sense of humour is like the wine, mainly dry or medium dry.



"My wine is not art to be kept."

The Loire Valley has been called the 'happy, smiling part of France' During our stay this overall appraisal was confirmed again and again.

However, within this historic region, which is famous for its great Châteaux, there are noticeable differences in both the people and the wine.

In Muscadet, the Atlantic climate produces a light, dry, almost salty white wine, perfect with seafood. Here the humour is medium dry.

However in Anjou the wines are generally slightly sweeter and mainly rose,

"Light, carefree and refreshing."



with some white; but the wit Very old vines, probably 40-50 years old. is definitely dry.

Nevertheless, Loire wines have a very distinct family likeness.

They are not at all pretentious, but made to be drunk young, while they are at their most refreshing. The nicest description given to us was "cascadeur," which literally means like a waterfall'; in other words, light, carefree and refreshing.

In both Muscadet and Anjou there is an air of reverence at the door of every cellar. It's a bit like going into a church. Especially as some of the cellars even have stained glass windows. Inside, the beams and barrels are often decoratively carved and the walls covered with plaques and inscriptions. Although these are not always so reverent.

In one cellar we were greeted with the wine grower's prayer: Oh God, give me life for a long time, work not too often, love from time to time, but Muscadet for ever.

Not to be outdone, in Anjou we came across the legend: If drinking was a sin,

"Enter those who wish, leave those who can"

God wouldn't have made Anjou wine so good.

But perhaps our favourite story from the Loire came as we sipped wine in the cellar

of a small grower called Monsieur Guillet. In response to the question, "Do you

After just three days



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Rocking the boat over the battle of Marathon

The tendency of ancient Athenians to exaggerate is well to historians and archaeologists, who agree that sians fought at Marathon in 490 BC may have been designed to magnify the valour of the Athenian troops and their allies. Yet to dismiss the historical significance of the bartle of Marathon as an "imperialist myth", borders for the Greeks. on sacrilege.

Which is precisely why Roger Garaudy, the French Marxist philosopher, with his unorthodox view of the grandeur that was Greece, has rocked the gradle of democratic that was considered the considered that was considered the considered that the con racy and left the Greeks shaking with ladignation.

His idea that the West should cure itself of what he calls the "Marathon complex", was put forward by this onetime theoretician of the French Communist Party in a ocal newspaper interview dura socialist symposium he attended in Crete lest month. His theory is that Greece's contribution to world civilization was significant, but herdly a "miracle". The Renaissance, he thought was far more im-

Marathon as a con-perween the Mestern symbolized ancient Greece, and the barbar-isns, represented by the Perrians." Yet the Persian civilization was a great civilization. The myth of Marathon had been deliberately created by Western imperialists to symbolize the victory of Western civ-

lizacion over the barbarians.

Now that is hardly the way the Greeks are taught their history at school. Textbooks say that at Marathon a handful history by stemming the barbarian invasion that would have denied the world the birth of democracy, the golden age of Pericles, of the Acro-polis and everything it symbol-

The Greeks were mortified, the ultra-nationalist press sug-gested that M Geraudy gested that M Geraudy deserved to be barred from Greece. It demanded an immediste retort from no less than the President of the Republic of Greece, Mr Tsatsos, himself an eminent philosopher. "It is a shame that one Greek news-peper should give this foreign fool a chance to insult the honour, the traditions, and the

When a Greek friend of M Garaudy tried to give him a chance to retract, this "black sheep" of the French com-munists added insult to injury. He compared the democracy of Pericles "which relied on 400,000 slaves", to present-day "fascist" South Africa, and damned Alexander the Great to be merely "Mister Alex-ander" because in his time the

tion was flourishing.
"The myth of Marathon and Salamis." Salamis," he argued, "is no better than the myth of the

French resistance. There, all the Nazi colleborators, once the Allies won, claimed to have worked for the resist-In the editorial outcry that followed long articles were published to counter M Garaudy's view. A Sorbonne published trained Greek historian recalled that the bastle of that the great tragic poet Aes-chylus, in choosing his own epitaph, prided himself on the

hattile. that the word was born then from the Athenian belief that the way the Persians were retrest looked as if the God Pan himself was shopherding them

A few months ago a leftist newspaper in Athens launched a campaign suggesting that the Greeks should rewrite their history by eliminating some questionable "ethnic truths" that had become cumbersome dogma. Scholars and intellectuals interviewed were mostly in favour of a revision.

But even if the Greeks rewrite their history, M Garaudy's theories will not make them revise their belief that western civilization was saved by their ancestors in the Persian wars which ended the Persian dream to conquer Greece and Europe The Greek newspaper Acro-

polis dismissed M Garaudy with this comment: "What value can one attach to the massive volume to prove that Stalin's stark dictatorship was an ideal democracy... He has since retreated from this fallacy. So he may also soon reverse his ideas about ancient

Mario Modiano

Bernard Levin

Ireland deserves to sink if it turns its back on men like this

There are times when the traditional il Republic care with any passion and popular solution to the problems of Ireland—to tow it into the middle of the Atlantic and sink it— commends itself almost irresistibly to anyone contemplating its condition. And, strangely enough, this particular reaction, which is in effect a despairing conclusion that the problems of Ireland are eternally insoluble, largely because the Irish do not want them solved, is less frequently provoked by the news of the latest killing or bombing in the North than by a statement from one of the apparently in-exhaustable reservoir of sheepheads who abound in the politics of the

Earlier this week, Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien argued, basing his conclusion on a very considerable body of research evidence, that most people in Ireland were not interested in uniting North and South, that the overwhelming majority in the North overwhelming majority in the North were strongly against a united Republic and that those in the South who are in favour of it are less intense in their feelings than those who oppose it across the border. Less than half the population of the whole island want it at all, he said, and observed pertinently that

therved pertinently that
To advocate unity as the solution
to the problems of Northern Ireland is unrealistic, unfruitful, and
even mischievous, through the
encouragement it gives to those
who use force to achieve that un-

obsoured to achieve that tandemocratic object.

This sensible, unexciring and obviously true argument is hardly original in itself, though its restatement by Senator O'Brien at this time raises it to a level of considerable importance, and the evidence additional interpretation of the senator of the senat adduced in its support, which as far as I know is new, at any rate on this scale, gives it a formal authority which it might otherwise have lacked. Yet, after all, it is hardly surprising, is it? Why should the citizens of the

whether their country has twenty-six counties or thirty-two? Their lives will not be changed for the better, their material conditions will not ticians will not cease to be windbags, the price of drink will not come down, if unity is achieved. Could it not really have been long ago deduced, by all those interested in knowing the answer, that the tale of Ireland's Wrongs is one which has sounded tedious in the ears of Ireland's people for some time now? And this, I may say, is to leave altogether out of consideration the more consciously articulated feeling among very large numbers of decent and honourable people in the Republic that a cause which is rejected by the overwhelm-ing majority of those most directly affected by it—that is, the population of the North—and which is prosecuted by methods of barbarity that the

by methods of parparity that were Black and Tans at their worst never approached, would not be worthy of their support even if they believed in

And so Senator O'Brien pointed out

that the emperor has no clothes, and for good measure added some power-ful evidence, also based on careful investigation, that the people of the Republic hold the IRA in the profoundest contempt. And what happened? Did the bien-pensants of Dublin politics express mild surprise that so much attention should have that so much attention should have been paid to something that no sensible person would trouble to deny, and pass on to other topics? Well, the answer to that question is implied by my opening words, expressing the conclusion that if Ire-land will not go away she should be taken away, and not brought back. The first official reaction in Dublin came from Dr Martin O'Donoghue, Minister of Planning and Economic Devalopment (there's glory for you!)

in Mr Lynch's government, who des-cribed Senator O'Brien's remarks as

'mischievous", and went on:
I hope nobody on the British side
will be foolish enough to think that
Dr O'Brien's remarks carry any
serious weight or reflect govern-

ment trinking.

There! Is not that the essence of what Ireland and Britain are up against? There they so still, the Irish. "pathriots", with minds locked and barred, mouths gaping wide to extrude the very last morsel of folly, and consumed with a wild terror at prevail. What else but extinction is fitting for a nation that includes the Dr O'Donoghues in its highest political counsels and excludes the Dr Next day, Senator O'Brien resigned

(I suspect that he was obliged by his party's leaders to resign) from the Parliamentary Labour Party; he keeps his seat in the Upper House, of course, and with the extra freedom his relinquishing of the whip freedom his relinquishing of the whip must give him he will no doubt continue to speak words of wisdom, and to be revited for doing so. For note that the remarks which gave rise to the denunciations (and Dr O'Donoghue's attack, it is clear, was fully representative of official Irish political thinking—though not, I take it, of the opinions of the Irish people) were not couched in the form of a demand for action, a stirring advocacy of new and radical proposals, a call of new and radical proposals, a call to Ireland to reject the old ways and the men who follow them. Senstor O'Brien's speech was concerned with facts. To a certain breed of Irish politician (not that the British ones are exactly strangers to the feeling), facts which do not fit their prejudices cause them more rage, dismay and confusion than would the hurling of half a hundredweight of gelignite through their bedroom windows. What touched the

nerve was not the feeling that Senator O'Brien was wicked, but that he was

And all this, I may say, took place before anyone in Dublin could have seen the October edition of Encounter, in which Senator O'Brien "Liberty and Terror", with the sub-title "Illusions of Violence, Delu-sions of Liberation". Though his study of terrorism ranges beyond the Irish variety, it concentrates mostly upon it, and when I tell you that in the course of the article Senator O'Brien mentions Wolfe Tone in terms which are by no means those of the normal veneration, you may perhaps imagine what will happen when the news gets back home that, having already said that the Irish people do not much care about unifying their island, he has now said that

their island, he has now said that The idea of negotiating with men who have no democratic base, and no democratic mendate or responsibility, whose sole passport to the negotiating table is the gun, is a quite different matter. I am speaking, of course, of conditions in which democratic consultations are regularly and normally available, as in these islands. It seems to me that, in these conditions, democratic governments cannot, without abdication of trust, and a frustless abdication at that, engage in political negotiations. of trust, and a frances epocacion at that, engage in political negociations with people whose sole claim to take part in such negociations is their proven capacity to kill, burn, or des-troy, and whose objectives in such negociations are incapable of fulfil-

That sort of language is not only almost unknown in the Republic, except from Senator O'Brien; it could hardly be said in the British House of Commons without uproar ensuing. And, of course, the despair that contemplation of Ireland tends to instil in the contemplator comes not only from the fact that such wisdom and truth provokes, and will provoke, the kind of reaction among his public compatriots that I have described and quoted; it confirm the knowledge that Dr did, after all, lose his seat in the Parliament (his seat in the Parliament (his seat in the was not obtained by direct elections suggesting powerfully the wrote at the time, "the Irish prefer the gandy lies of mythat other reality of face." sober reality of fact".

If they do, the situation is worse than it seems, for in the of Senator O'Brien's evidence the Irish people's attitude to and the IRA it seems that they And if that is the case, then is indeed hopeless, and a co should immediately be placed haps, by a delicate irony, with land and Wolff) for the construction stout hawsers with which visage a multinational oper taking place under the segis o United Nations) will tow the But I cling now to the hope my initial belief, that Contr O O'Brien was defeated because constituents preferred lies to a was wrong, and that he went out the tide that was flowing agains party because of other considers altogher. After all, if he is rig his latest thesis, it is altogether i likely that the Irish voters their new government because their new government because their dissatisfaction with, say, previous one's economic record they felt that what Irement on the part of the Dublin erument to achieve the "liberat of the North from the English nexion. Anyway, if the sinking to take place after all, I hope British Government will send a

copter to take Senator O'Brien at the last minute. Did not the promise to spare Sedom & ten

men could be found within its pa

C Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

What I would do if I were ... a trade union leader

If I were leader of union—perhaps the TGWU to which my issher belonged—I would be less happy than Ernie Bevin. I would feel increasingly anxious,

British unions are ancreasingly held with the pride the pioneers could take 100 years ago. Their emphasis was on self-help, voluntary action, and develop-ing members' benefits in ing memors penerus in adversity. Today, their heirs scorn self-help, mock freedom and pass the buck for all welfare to the state, Then they were registered and run as Friendly Societies, Today union members still call one another "brother "—when they are not denouncing dissenters as "black-leg", "boss's nark" or

I recall that a century ago, union leaders might back MPs with Tory, Liberal or Radical labels. Today they mostly appear the political lackeys of the Labour Government. True when Labour is in opposition the unions control its policy through the frankly frauculant block vote based on phantom millions of aparhetic—and involuntary—members. Hence the paradox of reactionary radicalism. In union politics, victory goes to the active, amoral and militant minority who most of the time hodwink the moderate majority with appeals to "loyalty", "unity", "solid-arity".

Another source of anxety is that as Labour has been pro-

by militants toward collectivism, union indepen-dence and freedom are put in peril. With nationalized industries, central and local government, subsidized and corrupted "private" enterprise, unions find they are negotiating at one remove with a single employer—the state. The outcome of all such contests depends on an uneasy and shifting tug-of-war.

trial Relations Act, British unions retained plenty of weapons to prevent a Conservative Government having its conspirutional way on wages, employment, taxation, social policy. It was to aldestep "confrontation" that Mr Wilson and Mr Foot after 1974 conceded further power to trade unions understanding they would not use it against a would dot use it against a Labour Government. Today, much as union leaders may wish to oblige hir Callaghan, they risk being spat on and pushed aside by militants who manipulate shop-floor meetings (and votes), outbid the moderares, mount demos and exploit their enlarged ermoury of weapons and legal immunities against non-strikers, the em-ployer, other unions, Parlis-

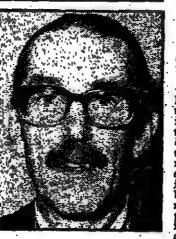
between wages, employment, investment, government spending and inflation. It is true that reputable, independent economists may still dispute in what circumstances excessive wages lead to unemployment or infla-tion or both at once. But union leaders talk as if they believe -and under Conservative Governments they persuade themselves to believe—that wage in-creases can have little to do with either inflation or unemployment.

We all know that, in private, the less fuddled heads on the TUC understand that wages can the point where unemployment must result. The commonsense reasons are plain. In private industry, higher labour costs either raise prices and reduce sales, or destroy profitability and drive capital investment away. In government services, increased wages or salaries reduce the number that can be employed except at the expense of cutting spending and employment elsewhere. I would conclude on this

reckoning that the blame for

Ralph Harris

General Director of the Institute of Economic



the increased unemployment after the Heath inflation must they priced workers out of profitable employment at a time when Mr Healey warned he would refuse to finance fur-ther inflation. As a union leader, I would, therefore, look back with shame to causing unemployment by irresponsible demands—under the contracts "—reinforced

decades of anti-profit rhetoric.
I would expect public uneasiness to prompt more searching questions about the economic rationale of unions. Thus economics like Hayek and Hutt have long argued that union pressure cannot raise real wages above the competitive market level without causing a flight of capital from strike-

most confused union leader tempering shame with anger for being misled by those confounders of economic counsels from the NIESR, Oxford and Cambridge (often vias Budepest), and their popularizers in Penguin Specials and the media. It was they who lent plausibility to NEDC and National Plan by naively equating planned growth with forced investment and full employment and failing to consider the market-price incentives for capital investment or the wage structure consistent with main-taining the demand for labour.

What would make me furious with the entice of these ideo-logical scatemics is that now their policies have caused cent and output to flag. "reflating", by con-investment from scripting investment from insurance funds and banks, and by carbing imports? They never tell us that the trick is performed in the about run by performed in the short run by imposing higher prices through generalized indistion and protected inefficiency at home, and by cutting off access to cheaper goods from abroad; and in the long run at the cost of more

unemployment.

I would certainly take the Paul Johnson effeir most seriously. He is simply the larest prominent example of the idealists and sympathizers who have turned on the Labour have turned on the Labour Party as trade union blumdering and bullying have become too plain to ignore. Remember Desmond Donnelly, Woodrow Wyant, George Brown, Brian Walden, A. L. Rowse and Lords Chalfout, Goodman and Strinwell? And the only new recruits for the unions have come from closed-shop press gang and the Marzist-Socialist

where won by harnessing inno-vation and enterprise to scarce

gangs and the Marxist-Socialist underworld.

(Don't bungle it this time

best harvest in a competitive market economy. Unions have set back this advance in Britain by their crippling restrictive practices and their cussed, con-servative mentality. Who aver heard of a strike called against a firm for not installing more efficient equipment? Yet how often have we witnessed the re-verse in nines, railways, steel, docks, printing, stc, etc.

I should feel ashamed that as the power of unions has been increased, their "apokesmen" nave cenaved more and more like spoiled children who want everything, always on their own terms. The latest example is seen at Grunwick where a men as temperate (or temperate seeming) as Mr Grantham self-eighteurists. righteously denounces a tiny employer for "provocation" in daring to stand by such attenulegal rights as Mr. Foot has, epperently inadvertently, left him.

My enger and shame would now be outweighed by anxiety. Power has somehow brought impotence. Now that union leaders are armed with giant's strength, now that the law has moved further—in Dicey's phrase—from "unjust severity" (1799) to "unjust privilege" (1906), too much is expected in return. If the unions made the Labout Government in 1974, they are now begged not to break it in 1977.

I would have to face the fact that even responsible union leaders—as well as their sup-planters—have more power than can be exercised for their own or the public good. Just as over-mighty barons, merchants, landlords, monopolists, had to be tamed on the way to constructing a free society, unions will have to shed sectional privileges and live within the same legal framework that governments. erns other corporate bodies and exposes gross inequalities of power to the check of compe-tition,

with such dawning doubts anxience. I would settle vately for three resolutions a number of large struggling firms which there are plenty—and the management to results. every conceivable way by wil present productivity could dramatically increased to le-average real wages over two three years in return for ading working methods to ma TORY P

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Breathtaking,

When Princess Margaret opened a new ballet rehearsel room at Sadler's Wells yesterday in memory of her friend John Cranko, the famous choreographer who died so tragically at the age of 45 four years ago, it was literally a breathless occasion which would certainly occasion which would certainly have appealed to Mr Cranko's dry sense of humour.
Unbeknown to Princess Margaret Sadler's Wells was

obliged to open its new £80,000 room only at the convenience of ts ancient and temperamental backstage lift (which refuses to work about as frequently as a viexican donker

Because the lift has a personality of its own, it was thought wise to restrict it to just one flight—for the Princess—and to send the 100 guests by foot to the fourth floor of the building.

The lift rose to the occasion and carried its royal burden to the top, but the normally talkative bailer-persons who attended found themselves quite unable to converse when they got there, Six, in fact, had to ask for assistance and others were advised to miss the opening ceremony and go straight to a luncheon on the first floor. Mr Cranko would have been amused to observe that the welcoming party which met the Princess outside the building was forced to beat an undigni-fied petit jete up 89 steps in

order to meet ber again as she emerged at the top of the building.

Some of us had only just recovered when the Princess paid tribute to the South African-born Mr Cranko who Collapsed on an airliner bring-ing him and the Sautgart Ballet of which he was direc-tor, back from the United States in 1973.
Princess Margaret, who is
President of the Sadler's Wells
Foundation, said: "The quality

of his life and work can truly be described as magical. His death at such an early age was a tragedy.

The new ballet rehearsal room was built in 15 months after the Royal Ballet touring company decided to make the theatre their permanent home. Moncy came from the John Cranko Memorial Fund other groups.

Amazing young record

Wearing my Biggles hat, let me say that I hope the Schueider Trophy will be given an extra loving dust down at its home in the Science Museum in London this weekend. For it is 50 years (September 25, 1927) since the first of the three victories that captured the trophy outright for Britain took place.

The first win, by Flight-Lieutenant Webster of the RAF Lieutenant Webster of the RAF in an international contest at Venice, was in the Supermarine S5N220 seaplane at the astonishing (no. I joke not) speed of 281.65 mph. The S5 was one of the early designs of R. J. Mitchell, later to rise to Spirlire fame. In 1929, Plight-Lieutenant Waghorn did it again at an average speed of 328.63 mph and then in 1931, Flight-Lieutenant Boothman clinched the trophy near Lee-on-Solent at a

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I know I said I wouldn't, but how can I resist: Denis Lemon rules—0h Gay. And then, again, Menachem Begin rules—0h

Bitter symphony A rare opportunity for southern

connoisseurs of real ale to get Brahms and Liszt presents itself at Alexandra Palace where the Campaign for Real Ale has launched what is believed to be Britain's first beer festival of

Brahms and Liszt, as any accomplished beer drinker will know, is a strong ale brewed in north Yorkshire by Selby Brewery Ltd and sold at just one public house, in Lecds. It is one of more than 100 real ales—beer which is not pasteurized, stored or drawn by use of carbon dioxide under pressure—which some 60 breweries will be exhibiting until Sunday

Sunday. CAMRA chairman, Chris Bruton, said: "We want to let the public know just how many good beers there are in Britain. Some breweries have been unable to exhibit because they are working at full capac-ity just to supply their normal outlets."



Cheaper by the ton?

Where, you may well ask, will it all end? My man in the Far East tells me that a hundred Chinese newlyweds (who were married at a mass ceremony in Singapore the other day) are to arrive in London next week for what is described as a "group honeymoon" (how kinky can you get?) 30m det 5)

The honeymooners have each paid £650 for a "wedding package tour" (yuk) which will

whisk them round 10 countries in 16 days. The all-in price (sounds like a wrestling match) covers the cost of the ceremony, reception, honeymoon, wedding attire and baggage (no, nor mother in-law).

The happy counter will all The happy couples will all stay in the same hotels and will go on outings together. A spokesperson for the organizers told the that this was the

seventh year (no mon intended) of these mass honeymoons, but the first time such a group had been to Europe. Michlights of the tour? A LITERATY don's Pearly Kings and Queens and a fish end chip supper with Cockney cabaret. Less they should feel homesick, the finale of the evening will be "there was I, waiting at the church" which is to be sung in

Proper use of your loaf

I was not at all sure about the need for Government health need for Government health warnings on packets of cigarextes (after all tobacco can be terribly good for the nerves) but there does seem to be a case for sticking warnings on some food items of doubtful value which have been getting away with it for years.

So I was delighted to hear that the McCarrison Society (what do you mean you've never heard of it?) has just sent a deputation to the Department of Health and Social Security Health and Social Security

Robert McCarrison, the direct of nutrition research in

generosity The author John Fowles,

most recent achievement the rewriting and republi of his novel the Mugus than 10 years after it first the light of day (and eshim a small fortune). Modest man. So when he ponded positively to a red from War on Want for characteristics. able support, he asked that licity, if any, be subdued. In fact, a few terse line the current issue of the chan house newspaper Front, were all he got. Mr Fower, ware all he got. Mr Fower, war on Want supporters told, had given them the misscript of his third novel. French Lieutenant's Woman's day and the transfer of the transfer of

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The hearings before the Senate's Governmental Affairs Committee were not conclusive but they left a considerably measure of doubt on a number questions. Probably the most important concerned the overdrafts Mr Lance had with the Calhoun First National Bank. There are at least two distinct The first is that no interest is that no interest is the such dawning to the first is that no interest is the such as the such grounds for disquiet about these. matically increased by the commercial value of a liberaloverdraft policy—and Mr Lance has said quite a bit—it is hard to see that it can be a proper

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only those given to him personally but also those for his wife and for his campaign fund when he ran for Governor of Georgia—which it is reasonable enough to do, as he benefited from all of them—then the total outstanding was on occasions well above the ceiling of loans that an American bank is legally permitted to give to an official. Mr Lance did not in this respect break the law-an overdraft does not qualify legally as a loan— but it was brought out effectively in the hearings that he had only avoided breaking it on this technical point in 1975 the bank's board of directors signed an agreement with the Office of the Comproller of the Currency undertaking to make certain changes in their operations and a recent report from the Comptroller describes some of these overdrafts as "unsafe and overdrafts as "unsafe and unsound" banking practice. A man whose banking practice is regarded on such authority as being so questionable can hardly be well fitted to hold a high economic post in the

Government. It was not so clear from the hearings whether Mr Lance had in fact used the same assets as collateral for two separate loans or whether this was a legitimate difference of interpretation between bank and client which was ampsednausik tesolited pa repayment of the loan. Nor can one be sure whether Mr Lance misled the committee's staff before being confirmed in his office last January. There was a straight conflict of evidence between staff members and Mr Lauce-and it is only fair to Mr Lance to acknowledge that they, as well as he, were by this time under criticism. There was also the question whether he was guilty of impropriety or worse in his use as President of the National Bank of Georgia of the bank's plane. That is still under investigation, but the distinction

use of a plane can in those circumstances often be a narrow one. On the basis of what is known at the moment, it would be wrong to be too censorious

Yet the total impression left by Mr Lance, after all he has said in his defence, is of a rural banker who had cut too many corners in his career for him to be acceptable in government. President Carter must also have borne in mind that Mr Lance is still under investigation by the Department of Justice, the Inland Revenue Service, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Elections Commission. If he had stayed on there was always the danger that further indications of unsultable practices would have come out and that the future of Mr Lance would have remained as a perma nent question mark over the Carter administration. But if the President was right

to accept the resignation, did show sufficient political sensitivity in handling the affair. His judgment in picking Mr Lance in the first place was clearly mistaken, though Mr. Lance is an able man, But once the choice had been made Mr Carter was in a dilemma. It would have been taken as a sign of weakness and would have been a dangerous precedent if he had allowed Mr Lance to be swept quickly from office by the first surge of public criticism without having a chance to state his defence. There is a real risk condemnation by innuendo and it would not be healthy for American public life If press's natural enthusiasm for disclosures were to become a form of inquisition that none could resist. By delaying his decision as long as he did Mr Carter ensured that Mr Lance had a fair chance to justify himself. Indeed, it may be said that in continuing to assert so strongly his confidence in Mr Lance's integrity the President has made his acceptance of the resignation look a little questionable. But on grounds of public confidence and political wisdom Mr Carter was right to act when he did.

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make a public example. Even the

imperfect. Some settlements will

never become known, in the absence of a system of notifica-

tion. The Government's guide-

lines refer to an average rate of

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laying down rules applicable in

particular cases: no employer can know exactly how he stands.

This is especially so in respect

of real and bogus productivity

deals. The best that can be said

is that, as a marginal factor

beside the control of money

supply, these means may help to

It is almost certain that the

wage deal at Mackie fell far

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STATUTORY POWERS AND BARGAINING POWERS

between business and private

Government and its strategy on Government and its stratus of was politically almost impossible transactions with the Government and its come up so soon in Northern Ireland. Apart from ment, will be able to disregard against James Mackie and Sons the civil numoil, wages are low all restraints unscathed. Others, Comain, ithen I badene to term a of Renest of Mi whaterla Havment, I would spen declares that the cudgel you are SCL ... in getting other fir holding is merely cardboard, that stage I could mot and then you sheepishly put it Dance my second an down, as the Government seems to have done, the word will a do red unions of those P rapidly get around that cardboard is all you are armed with. And re ilways standards, shi a condition temperature since withdrawal of official favour in ways more or lass similar to that attempted here is the only direct sanction that the Government has against ATTENDED THE NATIONAL FIRE CONTROL OF THE EVEN MARKET HAR private companies that disregard its advice on wage that of Rad Godesor restraint, the news must tend to increase the risk of a new pay explosion. The Government's michie where it compe and afficient it beer are the it German and i other means of influence are rather more forceful and distinctly more legitimate than the threatened withdrawal of credit guarantees for Mackie's exports. But the affair indicates how hard it will be to impose general compliance by such methods.

The company makes textile machinery and has a thriving export business, much of it with countries where political and economic conditions are uncertain. Commercial sources of capital often hesitate to back such ventures, and the Government has had powers since before the war to guarantee companies against loss, so as to encourage exports. Withdrawal of the guarantees to Mackie would put hundreds of jobs and orders worth millions at risk. Whether or nor the Government would have found this an accept-

Service pay. They are due, clearly, to a perversion of understanding

rather than a depravity of the heart.

chooses to resurrect yet again the diresome arguments about increments. The fact remains that the

ments. The fact remains that recently expired incomes policy specifically allowed self-financing increments in existing pay scales to continue. Increments have been under attack for so long now I begin to believe that they will not feature for much longer in Civil Service pay

For the record, however, let me stress again that the agreed rate for the job is the scale maximum which, in the Civil Service pay

in moving up a pre-

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advantage

First, I am sorry that Mr Mundy

of the last nime-last is a misfortune for the able price to pay if a British policy is not an equitable one—

A marginal much Government and its strategy or company had been involved, it some employers having no direct there and unemployment hi and the province finds it difficult to keep the skilled workers criteria that the Government it needs if it is ever to recover employs will inevitable be economically: The use of withdrawal of

export credit guarantees against any major company would be liable to give rise to difficulties similar in kind, if not in degree. The Government should have foreseen the difficulties in this case. But that is not the main objection to the use of guarantees in this way. Ministers have been given powers to arrange guarantees for quite clearly defined purposes-to encourage trade with other countries and to provide international aid. The battle against inflation is not among the purposes specified. It happens that the assistance for Mackie was offered under Section Two of the 1975 Export Guarantees Act This requires the minister to act as seems to him expedient in the national interest — provision which may have stood between the Government and the threat of a lawsuit. It is, however, contrary to constitutional practice to use legislation with restricted economic purposes for quite other ends. It could indeed be argued that the national interest discretion is available to the Government only in the context of international trade, though the passage would easily bear a wider interpretation. Judges in several recent cases have shown an inclination to read such discretionary escape-clauses narrowly, however, and the tendency is a healthy one.

outside any desirable bounds of restraint, however vague. If it sticks, it will be seized on by other trade unionists as an example-all the more after the publicity it has had. The Government is right to evert all legitimate influence to prevent a fresh burst of wage inflation. it wants further means, it should seek them openly from Parlia-ment. There are serious dangers in combing through the stature book to find laws that can be pressed into action for pur-poses quite undreamt-of by those who conceived them. The powers of the state are so wide today that pressures of many kinds can be brought without any specific statutory sanction. Even when the Government is right, as it is

> as instruments of pressure beyond their purpose.

Yours faithfully,
W. L. KENDALL, Secretary General,
Civil Service National Whitley
Council, Staff Side,
19 Rochester Row, SW1.

Civil Service pay From Mr W. L. Kendall Sir, Mr Mundy (September 13) has a "nagging" suspicion about my intelligence and no doubt about my emotion. Because I have a fierce charty I have no "nagging" doubts about his errors regarding Civil Service you. These are due clearly.

employers of all sizes are included in a normal year's work by the Pay Research Unit. This coverage is far wider than the percentage of the working population which Mr Mundy uses to suppore his assertion that half a million civil servants and inter alia 6 million public

This method of using broad

powers to enforce Government

servants are over paid. Furthermore, the Civil Service pay agreement of 1974 specifically states (in paragraph 17) that the Pay Research Unit Director has an "overriding responsibility to ensure that the number and distribution of the organizations (surveyed) are such as to provide him with informations are such as the provide him with informations are such as the provider him with informations are such as the provider him with information are such as the provider him with information and are such as the provider him with information and the provider him with the provider mation as widely representative as possible. Does Mr Mundy really have the standing to challenge the Director's professional expertise in this respect?

Which brings me to the final point which I would like to make on Mr Mundy's letter. His interest is with one particular area where he feels public sector pay rates impinge on his particular concern (I understand he has an interest in the electronics industry). My concern is with a non-industrial Civil Service of 550,000 embracing every known form of white collar employment. I leave your readers to judge whether or not Mr Mundy has made

my part, I will be content to await the next findings of the Pay Research Unit when it is at last

in this case, to see its purpose as one of extreme importance,

it should beware of using starutes

September 14.

Use of industrial plant

From Mr G. T. Schwartz Sir, Mr Ken Gill should not worry what he would do if he were... (September 13) but what he should do now with the strikers at Leyland who had £300m taxpayer's money invested in new equipment, or the Meriden Motor-cycle Co-operative which had £50m invested, or the Fleet Street workers who refuse to work new machines, or the miners who leave their new equipment to demonstrate at Grunwick. Empty words, hot air distributed

Mr Gill may do well to contemplate that the earnings on investment, ie invisible carnings, do contribute a large measure to keeping Britain above water. Let him sweep in front of his own door.

Yours faithfully, G. T. SCHWARTZ, 24A Avenue Road,

Highgate, No.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political variety in universities

From Projessor R. F. Leske

Sir, May I ask who in our univer-sities are "the Mariasts who are the anquestioning enemies of liberty "? Evidently Professor Julius Gould knows of them and he should nume them. I should also like to know who are the persons who "rely, like any other network, upon mutual support in the making of appropriments." This seems to be an accuration of malpractice.

I have the honour to be the head of a department which contains colleagues of varying outlooks. In our day we have had and to some entern still have a Communist Party parlianientary candidate, a Labour Party parliamentary candidate, a member of the Box Group, a Spight of the Order of St Gregory, a Mother Superior of a Catholic teaching order, the san of a distinguished Anglican dean, the daughter of a colonial governor and several others whose political affiliations I have never sought to distover I should been add that I have myself been decorated with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta

My colleagues are boul to one another and to the rubject they profess. I would suggest to Professor Gould that ours is not an abnormal situation. I am certain that there are other university denartments with an equal diversity I suggest that Professor Gould examine the merits of a system by which all posts are advertised and the best candidates are appointed irrespective of sex, colour, religion and political outlook. That is the best contribution to the defence of liberty in higher education. Voices faithfully,

R. F. LESLIE, Queen Mary College, University of London. Department of History, Mile End Road, E1, September 21.

Attempt to unseat MP

From Mr Michael Craig-Cooper Sir, With reference to Mr Neville Beale's letter today (September 22). I believe it would assist all parties for the present episude to be brought to as speedy a conclu-sion as feasible. Accordingly, I invite you to send one representative of your newspaper to examine my correspondence files as former Chairman of the Chelsea Conservative Association with specific reference to what Mr Beale describes as the receipt and investigations of complaints against the Member started under my pre-decessor as Chairman of the Association.".

I have written in similar terms to the Editor of The Daily Telegraph to whom, I understand, Mr Beale has sent a statement or letter along the lines of that published by you today.

I have sent a copy of this letter.

to Mr Beale. Yours faithfully. MICHAEL CRAIG-COOPER, Former Chairman and Acting Agent, Chelsea Conservative Association, 1974-77 (February 28). 71A Cadogan Place, SW1.

Recruiting civil servants From Mr H. Mayr-Harting

From Mr H. Mayr-Harting
Sir, The Oxford and Cambridge
element in the Civil. Service is not
quite as easily explained as Sir
Louis Petch (September 20) thinks.
In the years when I was a lecturer
at Liverpool University, very few
of the ablest students, who would
have beld their heads up well in
most Oxford circles, could be perspeded to consider an application suaded to consider an application to the Civil Service, so convinced were they of the force of the arguments as wearisomely reiterated by people like Sir Louis Petch. The Civil Service Commission itself made very fair minded and valiant efforts to counteract these attitudes, which it perceived. Yours faithfully,

H. MAYR-HARTING, St Peter's College,

Oxford.

From Mr Alexander Bolland Sir. One read with interest the letter of Sir Louis Perch (September 20) concerning Civil Service graduate recruitment. It requires,

however, a rider.

Sir Louis recorded: "I have no doubt that the majority of boys and girls with intellectual ambitions and girls with intellectual ambitions.

. . put Oxford and Cambridge at the top of their university priority list." Whilst this may be true of England and Wales, it should be moticed in a general statement such as the one above that most boys and girls in Scolland with intellectual ambiting paying think of making ambitions never think of making an application for admission to any English university. Oxbridge not

withstanding.

I feel that neither Sir Louis nor the Civil Service Commission should need to be reminded of the four ancient Scottish universities which, deservedly, attract the applications of most of the brightest and best of Scottish potential undergraduales. These universities have been lauded by hands more learned and more able than mine.

I trust that I am wrong, and if so may be forgiven in finding more than a hint of an arrogant inference in Sir Louis's letter and in the standard answers of the Civil Service Commission to the Expenditure Committee on the same topic. The inference is that those who chaose to attend universities other than Oxbridge do so because they have failed to gain entrance to the latter

Yours faithfully, ALEXANDER ROLLAND, Advocate's Library, Parliament House, Edinburgh.

Enigma Variations From Professor Arnold Goldman

Sir, Mrs Dorothy R. Wagner's letter (September 19) reminds me that after the War I heard (and saw) after the War I heard (and saw) an American entertainer hum Way Down upon the Swanee River accompanied by himself whistling Dvorak's Humoresque, or vice versa. It sounded like nothing on earth. Yours faithfully, ARNOLD GOLDMAN, Department of American Studies, University of Keele,

Keele, Staffordshire.

The governing of schools

From Mr A. G. Groves

Sir. If the recommendations of the Taylor report are implemented there will be 322 extra meetings each year in Haringey, extra to the considerable number already held. They will take place in the evening and they will not be meetings at which parents and teachers meet to discuss the education of children. but meetings with clerks, and agendas on which will appear items such as minor repairs, the budget for the term and many other routine management matters at present dealt with by my staff under the firm control of the Education Committee and its sub-committees, which consist of elected members of the Authority. Attendance at these extra meetings will be confined to a small group of people of whom only one quarter will have been elected—unless one counts remination by a trade union as an election-and from which the great majority of the parents and teachers at the school will be excluded.
In order to prepare for, staff and follow up these meerings, many more officers, both professional and administrative, will need to be ampointed to my staif and paid—and yet there will be less contact with parents, many fewer meetings of the parent teacher body of the school because heads, teathers and educa-

the meetings of parents within now take place on curriculum and organization topics relevant to the school, and which all parents and teachers may attend. Heads and officers will be occupied writing for governing bodies on the school lavatories and how history should be taught, instead of gerting on with the job of repairing the lavuories and both teaching the history and explaining how and why to nupils and parents alike. There is much fine thought and idealism behind the Taylor recommendations, but I believe they have

got it fundamentally wrong: Yes! much more parental involvement and head, teacher and officer be achieved by the growth of the systems of opening schools to parents and holding regular meetings for all parents and teachers on the things they all want to talk about, not by the setting up of many new committees restrictive in membership and confined mainly to non elected and therefore non-accountable membership. It is all the parents, all the teachers, all the

officers and all the elected members who must share responsibility and the practical recommendations of Taylor, not its philosophy that must

be seriously questioned.

Neither the inbuilt conservatism of the teachers' associations nor the uninformed enthusiasm of parent organizations must be allowed to sway opinion out of proportion to the vast amount of practical know how, and enthusiasm, available from professional education officers and highly experienced education com-mittee members. I believe that we could be heading for new arrange-ments which, far from improving communications and accountability in our schools system, actually lessen it.

Yours faithfully, ALAN GROVES. Chief Education Officer, Borough of Haringey, Education Offices, Somerset Road. Tottenham, N17, September 21.

From the Headmester of The Preparatory School, Chilton College Sir, Would not the Taylor report have been all the better for a recommendation that school managers or versors would benefit from the inclusion among their number of the head of a neighbouring school?

In the independent system such ractice is common. Heads welcome the support and expertise of a fellow head. The respective schools gain from the sharing and borrow-

If teachers are to be represented on the governing bodies of their own schools to improve hisson within the school, is it not also important that the closest possible understanding should be developed between the comprehensive school on the one hand and the primary schools feeding it on the other? The presence of a primary school head on the governing body of a comprehensive school (and vice versa) would serve as a usoful

bridge between the two.

My own experience as a governor of three schools and a headmaster of one is that I learn much for my tribution to those I govern. Yours faithfully. TAMES W. HORNBY.

The Preparatory School, Clifton College,

September 21.

Mrs Thatcher and the trade unions

From Mr Klaus Bochm

Sir, I am sorry that the Director of the (admirable) Committee for Electoral Reform should assume (letter. Sept 21) that our divisive clectoral system has created extraparliamentary pressure groups and sorrier still that he confuses questions of electoral arithmetic with the authority of governments in the sense of their ability to withstand union pressure.

During my own life-time, the authority of the most authoritative British government (Churchill's first administration) had nothing whatsoever to do with electoral systems; nor had the lack of authority of the least authoritative (Chamberlain's);
nor for that matter had the erosion of authority of Attlee's second administration (fatigue) nor the suicide of Heath's second admini-

stration (petulance). stration (petulance).

And there is no mechanistic solution capable of ensuring that a volatile public opinion is reflected accurately week by week in the House of Commons, hence Mrs Thatcher's interesting, if misguided, conversion to the use of referenda in the management of industrial relations.

The truth is that it is the business of government to govern and the business of interest groups to represent sectional interests. stirutional mechanism for the reconchiation of intractable conflicts between the two lies in Parliament, and the administrative mechanisms for avoiding such conflicts lies in the hands of the Civil Service. It is therefore to the reform of parliamentary procedure and to the sensitivization of the Civil Service to the realities of industrial relations that Mrs Thatcher and Mr Holme could better direct their attention. Yours sincerely.

KLAUS BOEHM. 14 Greville Road, NW6, September 21.

From Mr Julian Amery, MP for Brighton Pavilion (Conscructive) Sir, Mrs Thatcher's referendum proposal reestablishes the Conserva-tives as a national and not a class party. It is in the historic Tory

For some two generations in the last century the Liberal Party was accepted as the natural party of government. It claimed to speak for the people. In fact it did the bidding of the industrial middle class, then the dominant economic force in the

The Conservatives only broke the Liberal ascendancy by appealing to the mass of the people against the Liberal establishment. Disrael's Second Reform Bill, Lord Randolph Churchill's "Tory democracy" and Joseph Chamberlain's tariff reform campaign established the Conserva-

tive Party as the national party. As such it governed directly or through coalitions from 1886 to 1964 with only two significant interruptions

by the Liberals, 1906-15 and by
Labour, 1945-51.

Since 1964 the Labour Party has

been increasingly accepted as the natural party of government. Like the Liberal Party before it, it has claimed to speak for the people. In fact it has done the bidding of the trade unions who, thanks to changes in technology and the extension of the public sector, have become in their turn the most powerful economic force in the mingry. Mrs Thatcher has now declared

herself ready, if challenged, to arainst the most nowerful vested interest seen in Britain since the medieval Church. In doing so she has, in effect, proposed an alliance between all those who have been or are being disnossessed by Socialism and those who have no hone of possessing anything under it. A whole range of new policies and new attitudes will flow from this. Her referendum proposal, like the General Strike of Socialist the General Strike of Socialist mythology, may never be used. But politics will not be the same again. In an age when the powers of the Honse of Lords and the prerogatives of the Crown have been whittled away she has called into heing the nitimate check and helance available to democracy; the arbitrament of the people. Yours faithfully.

TULIAN AMERY. 112 Euron Schare, SW1. September 20.

From Mr Robert Perceval

Sir, I have been for many years an earnest student of narliamentary carnest student of narliamentary and constitutional affairs, and some time ago reached the conclusion that if Edward I—a most sensible man, who can reasonably be regarded as the founder of Parliament—had had at his disposal the machinery of the Gallup poll and the football pool, he would have incorporated the referendum into the Constitution before 1300.

In any case, can't we keen Burke out of it? He and his colleagues (before Reform) only represented a tiny fraction of their constituents.

tiny fraction of their constituents, and couldn't have been delegates if they had tried.

I have one further point, based on nothing but intuition. It is that

the people don't like the smack of firm government, and in fact are happiest when the Commons majority is in single figures. Yours faithfully. ROBERT PERCEVAL. Pillaton Hall, Penkridge. Staffordshire.

Expulsion from EEC From Lord Bethell

Sir. Your report today (September 20) of the meeting of EEC Commissioners in the Ardennes suggests that although they are in favour of every EEC country pledging itself to democracy, they do not support the idea of a mechanism for expulsion.

One can see their point. Who would take the decision to expel, the Council or the European Court, and according to what criteria? It will hardly be possible to lay down "rules" about democracy. On the other hand what is the use of a pledge if it cannot be enforced?

And how would the EEC function with an undemocratic cucken in its nest?

Here surely is where the new directly elected European Parliament has a part to play. It could be given two powers. The first, Plateau du Ki. which almost all parliaments have, Luxembourg, would be the power to expel an September 20.

individual member, for improper behaviour or for being improperly elected. Thus any government which sent a delegation of nominees would have them thrown out at once by the democratically elected majority. It would be humiliated and would find itself under all sorts of disadvantages in EEC matters. Its seats would remain empty until permitted elections which the European Parliament could accept.

If after a specified period no such elections took place, the European Parliament could use its second power and suspend or cancel EEC membership. It would be particularly appropriate if this were the first new power to be granted the new Parliament, which will be the only democratically elected EEC institution. Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS BETHELL.

Plateau du Kirchberg.

Divisions within the Anglican Church

From the Dean of St Albans Sir, Many Anglicans, and others, will share my gratitude for your leading article "Divided Anglicans"; and we shall hope that the spirit of Pauline moderation will spread, not only through the bench of bishops (who are specifically called to the ministry of calification), but also through the church

at large. You rightly remark upon the ambiguous nature of anglicanism. derlying both from catholic and reformed traditions. Yet it has remained our constant claim that our church and its ministry has contimed part of the hely catholic church, and there are many signs that, by implication if her by explicit agreement, this claim is of least acknowledged by our Roman

and Orthodex brethren.

Perhaps we have heard too much about the freedoms of unity rather than its restraints, restraints we all daily experience in home and work as well as in church life. There seems an intermerate hacts on the part of these who wish to unpublic the traditional lurgers of the church without considering its implications.

Most of the issues connected with the place of women in the ministry are secondary, but the innovation of women prints fundamentally affects the ministry of the county and is a basic change in church order more radical than any achieved by the Reformation. The submission of moderates is that the constraints of unity prevent our table. ing unilateral action on a marrar which is fundamental. It is not for us to make un the rules-the church is not a merely human orrent ation

though it may, alas, be smothered by such. To our mutual shame, a false Rheralism grounded on emotion rather than theology has brought the Episconal Church in the United States to the brink of schism. Para we hope that this will be emided here? For many the possibility of schism cannot be cutertained, and if driven from one church only one ultrangive remains.

alternative remains.
Are we, who have already jettisoned so much in the name of pronave thrown out the baby with the bathwater? Yours faithfully,

P. C. MOORE, The Deanery. Hertfordshire.

From Mr D. C. Miller

Sir, There are as you say in today's leading editorial (September 20). no fundamental objections to the nedination of women to the priest-hood in the Church of England. It is not merely permissible, it is right in principle and therefore in proctice, that the Church should no longer offer more than fifty per cent of the people is serves but

second class membership. As the guardian of principle, of the highest principles we who he-lieve in her would say, it is bitterly lieve in her within and distressing that faced with so glittering an opportunity for courage on behalf of principle, the Church seems to temporize. You cannot appoince a principle, simultaneously defer its implementation, and still have to win respect for the cause you serve—shove all among the young who, perhans rather more than usual in these years, are any to be impatient with

reumonts of expediency.
To those who urge the current settudes and opinions of Rome and Constantinople in justification of in the past. Canterbury must flow lead where they in the fuliness of time will surely follow.

D. C. MILLER, Homelands, Greendown, Chewton Mendip, Somerset.

Human rights in Korea

From the Reverend A. G. Hellier Sir, If freedom is indivisible how can Lord Chalfont (September 19) justify the defence of South Koroa against the North? The great divide between the communist and non-communist worlds is not synonymous with that between oppression

and freedom.

Consider his anology for a government which "is frankly authoritarian" whose "abrasive manifestations are likely to offend the sugceptibilities of those accustomed to breathe the pure air of western hiberal democracy. Consider his observation that the people are prepared to get by for a while without what they regard as the desirable laxures of freedom of speech and assembly a love as they desirable luxuries of treedom of speech and assembly as long as they are assured of the more immediate necessities of freedom from hunger and disease". The words have a familiar ring. They could equally apply to Chile or China or Tanzania. If the argument is talid it must be allowed on both sides-communist and non-communist. If invalid then we must revise our concept of the free world. Either way Lord Chalfont's grand strate Ries lie in ruins. Yours sincerely.

What Constable saw

A. G. HELLIER. 27 Dormington Drive,

Tupsley, Hereford.

From Mr Barry Gray Sir, Constable was not blind to colour—he had a most wonderful appreciation of it, as any admirer of his paintings will agree.

It is, however, true that certain colours which to most people would look different to him would have looked the same, and certain colours that to most people would look similar to him would have looked different. The correct name for his condition, which affects about one man in 10, is not colour blindness but Daltonism, after the famous eighteenth century English scientist John Dalton who first identified and described the condition in scientific terms. Only about one person in 500,000 is truly blind to colour. Yours faithfully.

BARRY GRAY, 106 Lonsdale Drive, Rainham, Kent.

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There is a Spanish joke which tells better than any political treatise the attitude of the authorities under the late General Franco to those who disagreed with them. A student is taking an oral examination A student is taking an oral examination and the professor asks him who won the Battle of Lepanto. He answers: "Franco, man, Franco." "And who won the Battle of Waterloo?" "Franco.", replies the student. The astounded professor says: "You know nothing about history", and the student answers: "I think you must be a communist or a freemason."

Communism and freemasonry were the two greatest enemies of the dictator at whose feet most of the troubles of Spain were laid. Even in his last public speech

Why Freemason is still a dirty word in Spain

on October 1, 1975, the octagenarian dictator blamed the wave of attacks and criticisms against his regime on "a leftist masonic conspiracy among the political class in collusion with communist terrorist

The Communist Party was legalized earlier this year and now it is likely that freemasons will soon be allowed to wear their aprons again without fear of reprisals. Both were outlawed in 1940 by the "law of the repression of masonry and communism" which imposed a maximum prison sentence of 30 years for a mason of a high grade and up to 20 years for sympathizers. This law is still in exist-

A Spanish encyclopaedia which at the turn of the century dedicated 33 pages to an objective report on freemasoury was drastically revised after the civil war to blame freemasoury for the loss of the Spanish colonies, the fall of the dictatorship of General Primo de River in 1930 and of Alfonso XIII as well as

for the crimes of the Republic. To call a Spaniard a freemason is still considered rather abusive while the word communist is even beginning to gain a certain air of respectability, perhaps because of the Eurocommunism drive of the party's sectors accord Sentiago Carrillo retary general Santiago Carrillo.

Just why General Franco decided to lump together communism with free-masonry in the same law—their concepts of the world are totally different—is at first hard to understand. General Franco, like all dictators, needed to create nega-tive and positive myths to stay in power. Hirler used the myths of Jews and com-Hirler used the myths of Jews and communism and the superiority of the Aryan race. General Franco's distaste of communism is easy to comprehend, given his military background, and his intense catholicism, but his fanatical feelings against freewasonry less understandable. There is a story that the dictator wanted to become a freemason himself and applied for membership on two occasions, but was rejected. If this was so, and no

one has come up with any hard evidence other than remarks made by two people; one of whom was with General Franco during his Moroccan campaign, then it might have produced a feeling of resentment which manifested itself as a drive

against the order.

But a fat more probable reason for the freemasoury ban was because of its liberalism and anti-clericalism, its links with the Republic and the fact that the secrecy surrounding lodges would inevitably lead any dictator to consider freemasons as conspirators, which indeed

they sometimes were.

The first lodge was established in Madrid in 1727, a year after one was set up in Gibraltar, then a British colony. Freemasons were briefly persecuted in Spain under Fernando VII for participating in the liberal movement. During the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera some of the military and politicians joined and in 1923 condemned the dictatorship of

of the Republican Government in 1935 sublicity joined in 1932 some after the establishment of the Republic, the constitution of which was drawn up by several lawyers who were also becaused. The first Republican Cabiner contained no less than five freemasons. A book published during the Civil War by the nationalists contained at epilogue with the words. Converts and politicians. There are innumerable germs of the Masonic and Jewish plague against which the Fascist. Wazi and Falangist intedicine must fight as it would against a real plague at the risk of centamination. Because except for Italy, part of Germany, Japan and Portugal freemasons, is everythere. It is the enemy.

The repression against freemasons during and after the war was fierce. Many were summarily shot, others. The the Grand Master of the Spanish Orient in Barcelona spent 18 years in prison, while luckler ones fled into exile.

Ironically General Pranco never forgaye those who were identised, although several of his most distinguished general in the crusade were members of mil-tary lodges. The book My private compen-sations with Franco by his private acre-tary and cousin. Lacatemant General Francisco Franco Salgado Aranjo, recordi how in 1963, an air, force officer, man the dictator in restore him to active service after relieving him of his post for being a member of the Teman Lodge his 1929. The officer stought on the dictator side in the Civil War and was decorated for his services, but General Francisco that he would have no freemant on active service, although he was prepared to give him a handsome civilian to the continuous continuous service.

William Chisle

Young love will have its way, even in China

Ritual essays on what I did in the holidays signal the end of summer. Rupert Harrison. a 17-year-old pupil at Atlantic College, Wales, went to China. Here are his impressions and just a few of the many photographs he took.

Wherever we went in China, we were continually aware of the dark clothes, of the grey buildings and the absence of advertisements. But the Chinese themselves are cheerful, well-fed and appear content. It was struck by the disproportionately amail number of old people, the revolutions having taken their toll. To the untrained western eve individuals in a Chinese crowd, look, from a distance, very similar in their blue and grey "Mao look" suits. But closer inspection shows up dif-ferences both in the cut and quality of the material. In contrast with the adult population, children are dressed gaily— perhaps an indication of the emphasis laid

on the country's youth.
In all larger towns, new blocks of flats are being built, some six storeys high. The guides told us each flat had three rooms, not mentioning that two families usually share one flat. The exceptions are officials'

families who have that to themselves. The recently-erected carthquake shekers in Peking are proving a favoured bunding ground for amorous young couples, who, living in such cramped conditions, search for privacy. The government, in order to keep the birth-rate down, has put up posters advocating hirth control, and hopes that attention is paid to them.

On the whole, it is a fairly clean country, typified by the pretty turquoise ceramic letter bins lining the streets of Canton. Street cleaners are frequently Canton. Street cleaners are frequently seen, although we also noticed scavengers among large piles of rubbish in the provinces. Smoking has not been declared detrimental to health and as none of our group smoked, our guides took advantage of the free cigarettes laid out in our honour at the places we visited. One habit that has been reported as being officially discouraged is spitting: anywhere and at any time. In one reception room, a spittion was provided for each and every chair. and every cheir.

Traffic is limited to buses, trucks, small Traffic is limited to buses, trucks, small three-wheeled bikes and the cars are either official vehicles or taxis. There are so private cars. Roads are full of people and bicycles. A bicycle is a status symbol in itself as it represents several mouths wages. Driving can be a hair-raising experience, since there seems to be no Highway Code, and although vehicles are generally driven on the right, they tend to be driven on whichever side of the road is emptier, hooring continually as they do so. emptier, hooting continually as they do so.

In the main people well. In the south, even the heaviest loads are pulled by teams of human beings—as are ploughs in the fields; it is a rare sight to see an animal working. Much to our surprise a lot of animals, especially camels, are used in the northern provinces. During the in the northern provinces. During the whole trip, we sew only three dogs and cats are almost as rere. Outside the poorer homes of Canton families use the street, only a few feet wide, as a living toom. Smell children sit at tables doing their homework, surrounded by cages of geese and chickens.

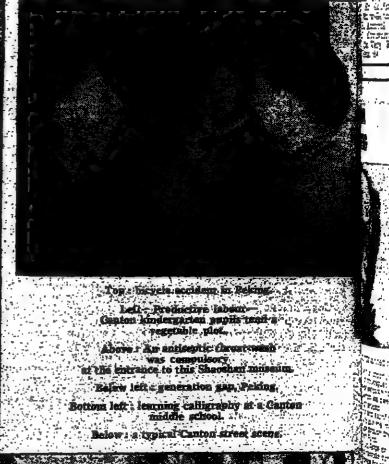
we visited meny schools and discovered that there are more people learning English in China than there are in England, as over 90 per cent of schoolchildren are taught it. Schools are large, averaging 6,000 pupils. Every school has its own productive unit where about one third of the schoolday is spent—we found kindergarten children tending lettuces, and older pupils packing toothorushes, assembling accumulators, making torches and manufacturing and packing coloured was crayons. Schools tended to be the brightest of all the Chinese institutions. On being asked about the problems of astreaming and crongest pupils get extra lessons.

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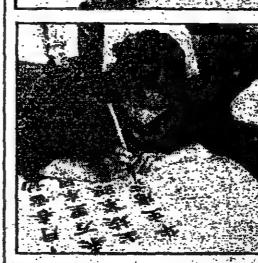
After three weeks of eating with chop-sticks it was reassuring for us to watch a group of Chinese on the flight out of Peking, struggle with knives and forks. The stewardesses finally resorted to pro-viding them with plastic cocktail stirrers.



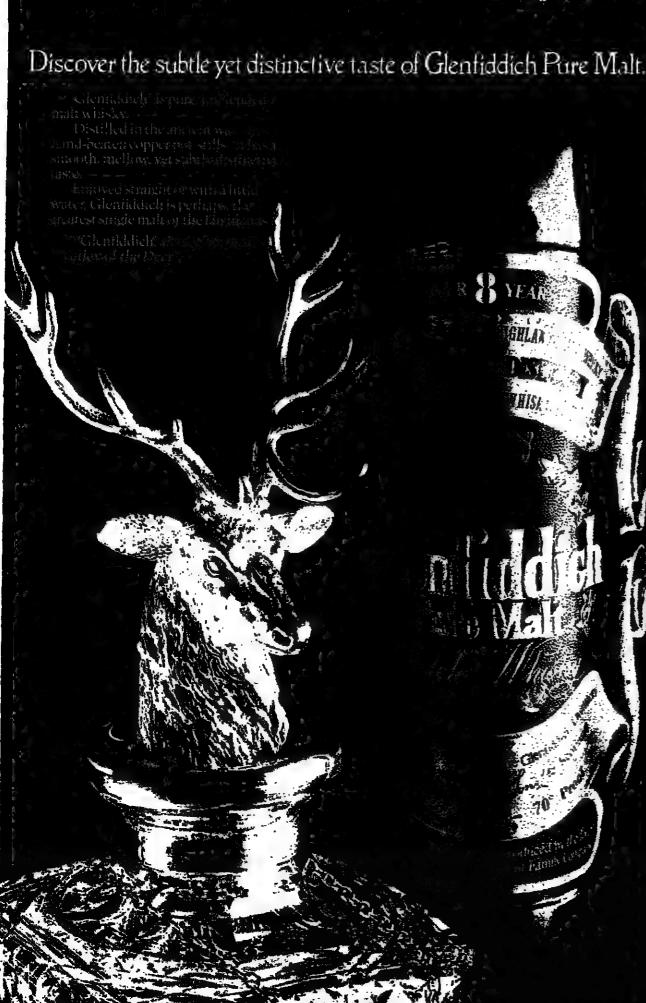












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oday's engagements

incess Margaret takes graduation parade at RAF College, Cram-well, 11.25.

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The Royal Green Jackets, Horse Gaurds Parade, 11. Buckingham
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MUSICIANS' MEMEVOLENT PUMDA 18 Ogle Street,

No it's not a misprint.



Anthony Eyton, Sir William Coldstream and Claude Rogers, three of the contributing artists, with Rogers's "The Hornby Train", at the Royal Academy's exhibition of modern British painting yesterday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. C. Hill and the Bus Rosamand Crowther-ituat

The enaugement is administed between John Christopher, eldest wan of Dr and Mrs. R. W. Hill, of 5 Blandford Avenue, Oxford, and Resamind Shirley, second daughter of Lord and Lany Crowther-Hant, of 14 Apriley Road, Oxford.

Mr N. J. A. Colquboun-Denvers and Miss A. P. Alexander The suggestern is announced between Nicholas, unly son of Mr and Mrs J. D. Colquinum-Denvers, of Camberra, Australia, and Anne, only dughter of Major and Mrs C. W. Alexander, of West Wittering, Sussex.

Mr J. W. Guest and Miss M. J. Parker The engagement is annunced between James William, you of Mr and Mrs D. W. Guest, of Jeakes Rouse, Rye, Sunser, and Jeakes Roughter of Dr and Mrs John Parker, of Blue Getes, Nayland Roud, Colchester, Essex,

and Miss L. Newbold
The engagement is amnounced between Richard Mostva, only son of Mr and Mrs M. J. Jarrett, of S7. Newbolds: Crescent, Wolverhampton, and Louise, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Newbold, of 34 Danescourt Road, Estembell, Wolverhampton.

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Farm, Westow, York, and Felicity,
daughter of Mr, and Mr W. C. A. daughter of Mr. and Mrs W. G. A. only daughter of Mr. and Mrs Russell, of Pinfield House, Barnt Mark Gore, of Golders Green, Green, Worcestershire.

The engagement is announced between George, second and of the late Mr F. N. Ball and Mr. J. A. Ball, of Victorige Lone, Brantond, Suffolk, and Ehrabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mr. J. S. Cary, of Lassingham Mapor, Less-ingham, Norfolk.

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Mr S. P. Harrison and Miss C. J. Bowes-Smith The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs B. T. C. Harrison, of Camnor Hill, Oxford, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Bowes-Smith, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr J. J. J. Hayes and Miss A. G. Mansfield The engagement is amounced between Jeremy, only son of Me and Mrs J. B. Hayes, of Theydun Mourt, Essex, and Airson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. J. Mansfield, of Epping.

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and Mrs Douglos Hume, of Cavendish Crescent, Bath.

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Professor and Mrs Walter Ledermann, of Hove, Sussex, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs

Mr C. J. P. Beazley and Mile C. M. E. Dillemann

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bearley, of Eastbourner, Sussex, and Charastee, eldest daughter of W and Mine Patrick Differential, of Neurly our School, France.

Mr. P. B. Fisher and Miss A. M. F. Quinnen The engagement is announced between Faul, only son of the late Mr Peter Fisher and of Mrs Fisher, of Chiegord, and Francesca, lifth daughter of Mr and Mrs J. N. Quinnen, of 11 Blake-sley Avenue, London, W5.

Marriages

Captain D. McIntosh and Lady Strathcona

The marriage took place quietly in Edinburgh on Thursday. September 22, of Captala Durcan McIntosh, of 6 Crawford Drive, Releasburgh, Dunbarronshire, and Lady Strathcona.

By Our Planning Reporter

Planning policies needed to be reviewed as fundamentally in the countryside as they had been in the cities, Mr Christopher Hall, Director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said yesterday.

Record £3,100 paid for Fairyland lustre An agenon record of £3.160 for a

lustre was paid at a sale of English ceranics at Sosheby's Belgravia vesterday, which totalled \$55,215, with only 2.4 per cent unsold. The record price was for a large bowl decorated by Dalsy Makerg-Jones, staned with her matals and duted 4,1.23. It was sent for sale by the musters of the late Hilda Makery-Jones, Dalsy's sister, and was bought by her daughter, Miss Holiday home by

pages of Wedgwood Fairsland

Ann Makelg-Jones. A sale of English and foreign silver and plate at Sotheby's yesterday, realized 236,401. A William IV trish four-piece rea and coffee set, probably by Richard Sawyer, Dublin, 1835, was sold for £1,350 to Hancocks. Georgian crested old

Releasburgh, Dunkarionshire, and Lady Strathcola.

The Hon N. W. Berry and Mrs E. Prouvost
The marriage took place quietly in Parls yesterdoy of the Hon Nicholas Berry, con of Lord and Lady Hartwell, and Mrs Evelyne Prouvost, daughter of the late M Jacques Prouvost and of the Countess de la Rotière.

Action Research for the Crippied Child.

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Backing the right horse all the time

From Our Veterinary Correspondent Swanwa

One of the essentials of horse-racing is the process identifica-tion of the runners, although identification is also becoming more imported with henters and ther horses, because of their areas rive in taice. The gop price for a thoroughbred has reached 19m, while good hunters may cost several in assaud pounds. Mr R. M. Johnston, a full-time

vell-riterian of the Joseph Club, seld at the Brinsh Veterinary Association's annual congress at Swatter veterinary had much greater care was needed in the official description of horses; otherwise the Jockey Club might have to take a terrer line over refusing animals for recing, including those that had come from abroad solely for a race meeting, and possibly limit the referimentals.

and possibly limit the veterimentals who were allowed to describe horses to a panel. He wished to emphasize, however, that inadequate descriptors were often the festite of they present.

Aithough deliberate frauds were known, it was a simple matter to pur on the wrong head collar carrying the horse's name. Mr. Johnston feared that along with lowering standards elsewhere, deception and substitution of horses might become more common.

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A further reason for accurate description was that the Ministry of Agriculture care factorable treatment in contraston with disease control to the movement of thoroughbred, between countries, because it relied on the 19th control of movement and identification exercted by the Jockey Clob.

One of the difficulties was the use of local foreign terms in description certificates, and Mr Johnston pointed out that there is now a standard clossary in 14 language, for that purpose.

Dr Benacet, a sensor French teterinarian, has defined the objective of the international code of identification as making horses. "Immediately recognizable with absolute certainty," That was unfortunately not yet reterrally the case, Mr Johnston said, and it was in the interests of hearly all those concerned with horses that the shurtcomings should be rapidly corrected. rapidly corrected.

sea for badly disabled By Our Health Services

Severely crippled people will now

'Neighbourliness lost in village estates' villages" and denied them to the remaining rural communities.

"Some of those selected for growth have grown so big that they are now towns rather than lost their original communities.

lost their original communities. consisting predominantly of families who have been in the village for many years, and they have been replaced by people for whom the village is simply a suburb in green fields."

The sums done by the planning authorides ignored a great many factors, Mr Hall said. Villages produced less crime, fewer probation orders and, probably, fewer demands on the social and health services generally, all of which were financial as well as social benefits.

the City of Westminster Chamber of Commerce at the Dorchester hotel yesterday. Mr Alan Grant, chairman, was in the chair.

Commerce
Mr John Methven, Director
General of the Confederation of
Brinsh Industry, was the guest of
honour at a luncheon given by

Dinners

HM Government Mr John Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence, was host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Govern-ment at Lancaster House last night in bonour of M Jean Marre, Delegue General pour l'Armement, French Ministry of Defence

Paviors' Company The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Lieutemant-Colonel and Sheriff A. Colin Cole and Mrs Cole were present at a ladies' dinner of the Paviors' Company held at the Mansion Honse vesterday practice. House yesterday evening. The speakers were the Master, Mr R. G. Price, the Lord Mayor, the Upper Warden, Mr R. J. Eaton, and Sir Desmond Heap.

Chartered Insurance Institute The annual dinner of the Chartered Insurance Institute was held at Grosvenor House last night. The president, Sir Henry Mance,

OBITUARY SIR ERIC MILLER Former chairman of Peachev

Sir Eric Miller, whose death yesterday at the age of 50 is reported on another page, was until March chairman of the Peachey Property Corporation. He resigned that position in the face of what he described as inwelcome publicity affecting himself, his family and his company. He was succeeded by Lord Mais, a former Lord Mayor of London, in May he was voted of the board of the company completely in a move led by Lord Mais and sup-ported by institutional investors. By that time his affairs were under investigation be the Department of Trade and the

In many ways Sir Eric's career was a model of the poor iny without advantages making gond. Born 50 years ago, he was brought up in a jewish community in the East End. Leaving school at the age of 16 he went into the estate agent business with the firm intention of making big money. In this activity he came to the attention of Mr George Farrow, then chairman of the small Peachey company, who emphyed him as an effective, if not particularly fastidious, agent. On his patron's death he became chairman.

Miller expanded the company

Fraud Squad.

Affiler explanded the company in residential property of a not particularly high grade. By the end of the 1960s the company began to sell off much of this residential property and invest the proceeds in commercial property, so that by the time he was forced off the board the portfolio was balanced between commercial and residential property. Although the group owned the Churchill hotel in the West End, it was

however never a major force in the property market.

Indeed it is unlikely that the company or its chairman would have in any way attracted the sort of attention which they have drawn in the pass eighteen. have drawn in the past eighteen months if it had not been for the close personal and financial relationship which Sir Eric coltivated with prominent poli-ticians. He is said to have con-tributed substantially to the



political office, particularly during the 1974 election when he lent the Labour leader his private helicopter. Sir Eric always maintuined links with the Labour Party, His father was a local chancillor. He was at one time treasurer of Socialist International and on the ef Labour Party Properties.

He became a figure in the ceterie of wealthy men who gathered round the centre of Sir Harold Wilson's private office at No. 10, many of whom, including Sir Eric, received bonours in his resignation list in 1975. There was at the time considerable public, official and additional continuous were warden. about the fact that Sir Eric's and some other names appeared on that list.

At the time of his death there were four writs outstan For against Sir Eric person; its from his former company, seeling the restoration of substantial sums which had allegedly been nuseppropriated. Sie Eric was a director of Fulbara Factor! Club, in whose fortunes be to sta a close and knowledge the interest and in whose finence he took a keen, if unormodox, He leaves a widow. A previous marriage ended in divorce.

GUSTAVE REESE

Gustave Reese, a leading (1954); these two volumes, both figure in American and world musical scholarship, died in Berkeley, California, on Sep-tember 7. Born in 1899, Reese studied law and music at New York University, where he taught almost continuously from 1927 until his recent retirement. He also worked for the publishing firms of G. Schirmer and Carl Fischer. He held high office in the American Musi-cological Society (he was a founder member) and in many other learned bodies. His most important works,

known to all students of musical history in the Englishspeaking world, are Music in the Middle Ages (1940); and Music in the Renaissance

of them masterly in their organization of material and their bibliographical products ir hibliographical precision, their bibliographical precision, did much to provoke the great flowering in musical scholarship on the Renaissance and the Middle Ages in the years, following the Second Wor'd War. Even if they represent more a synthesis of received knowledge than an original view, they are based on a real acquaintance with an extensive corous of music. corpus of inusic.

Reese was also a respected

and energetic teacher. The esteem in which he was held by other scholars is reflected the jestschrift presented to him on his 65th birthday. Aspects of Medieval and Renaissance

JAY HUTCHINSON SCOTT

M. T. writes:

That no reference to the death last week of Jay Hutchinson Scott, the distinguished theatre designer, has appeared in your columns is undoubtedly an oversight. On behalf of his countless colleagues and friends of which I was privileged to be included in both categories for almost twenty years—I would like to emphasize the considerable loss felt within the theatrical profession at his death.

This loss will be similarly felt by the vast theatre-going public. Style, originality and

taste were his hallmarks and in his long coreer he designed scores of productions ranging from the classics to the three longest-ever running comedies in Loadon—No Sex Picase— We're British, Bocing-Boeing and There's A Girl In My Song. Two days before his death he was assisting with his usual flair and enthusiasm with the theatrical profession's Jubiles Gala Performance at Brury Lone prior to his work on The Drogon Variation—the last of the many sets to be seen in London designed by a greatly loved and already much missed man of the

LT-COL THE HON R. E. B. BEAUMONT and held the Territorial Decora-

Lieutenant-Colonel the Bon Ralph Edward Blackett Beaumont, CBE, TD, JP, who was Unionist MP for Portsmouth, Central from 1931 to 1945, died on September 18, aged 76. The second son of the First Viscount Allendale, he was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. He joined the Territorial Army in 1931. He served on the General Staff for three years and from 1942 to 1945 was Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for War. After the war he played a leading role in rebuilding the Territorial Army

Mr Ivan Artobolevsky, a distinguished Russian scientist, died on September 21 at the age of 71. He was a specialist

tion and Bar. He was a Development

Commissioner and a member of the Council on Tribunals and the Council on Tribunals and was Vice-Lieutenant of Montsomeryshire, 1962-74. In 1957 he gave to his local council a substantial area of land formerly owned by Lord London-derry so that it could be used for community purposes. He was made a CBE in 1967.

He married, in 1926, Helena Mary Christine, younger daughter of Brigadier-General Cecil Wray. She died in 1962. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

Mr Henry John Charles Stevens, company secretary and a director of The Daily Tele-graph died on Seutember 22 at the age of 79.

From The Times of Tuesday, September 23, 1952 Nixon accused

personal financial history "since he entered political life. He has chosen this meams of replying to the criticism aroused by the disclosure of his acceptance of contributions. contributions—said to total \$18,000
—from supporters to help in
defraying political expenses. According to General Eisenhower's press secretary, about 50 per cent of telegrams received demanded that Mr Nixon should be forced to resign and the other 50 per cent supported him. The Senator himself, who was in Oregon, maintained that all the 500 telemaintained that all the 500 tele-grams he had received were favourable. . . Professionals, taking their line from Mr Taft, see nothing wrong in what Mr Nixon did; they are solidly behind him. The General wobbles inse-curely in between. It is already too late for him to see much bettetoo late for him to get much bene-fit from a decision to get rid of

his embarrassing running mate. It has already been shown that he does not understand the gravity of the issue. New bishop chosen

The Very Rev George Henderson, Dean of Argyll and the Isles since 1973, was elected yesterday as the new bishop of the united diocese. He succeeds the Most Rev R. K. Wimbush, who has retired.

National body to run inland waterways urged

A national navigation authority to manage both the commercial and recreational use of Britain's inland waterways is urged on the Government by the Inland Water-ways Association today.

user and conservation interests, is "totally opposed" to the sugges-tion in the recent White Paper on the water industry that, "pending final decisions, the National Water Authority would manage the waterways". No transfer of any waterways should be made until such decisions have been reached, the accounting decisions reached, the association declares, In a memorandum to the

In a memorandum to the Government the association urges the restoration of the public right of navigation (removed by the 1968 Transport Act) and the creation of a national navigation authority with full executive powers and responsibility for all waterways. compercial and recreational, including those of the British Waterways Board, regional water authorities, and independent bodies wishing to be taken over.

effectively considered only as a whole", the association says.

New Act to strengthen privacy rights urged

By Annabel Ferriman

A new Act to strengthen a citizen's right to privacy is demanded by the National Council for Civil Liberties in a report to be published next week. or-phonomed next week.

The right to see and challenge personal files held by the government, local authorities, schooly and collèges, employers and private organizations is the cornerstone of the council's demands.

demands.

It maintains that the United Kingdom has fallen behind most Western countries in protecting individual privacy. In the United States two measures have opened up some files held by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Miss Patricia Hewitt, author of the report and the council's general secretary, thinks a new Bill will be introduced next year, because of pressure from the public and from the Council of Europe and the EEC to harmonize standards. The report presses for a 10-moint charter of fair information

point charter of fair information practice to be incorporated into the Bill. The charter draws heavily on American experience but includes principles recom-

mended by the Younger com-mittee in 1972 and the White Paper on privacy. Paper on privacy.

It suggests that a register of data banks should be set up so that so personal data bank could be kept secret. The register should state the purpose of the data bank, who is responsible for its maintenance, the number of people covered and the type of information contained.

duced on the collection of informarion, it says. The council supports proposals for new criminal offences covering the surrepitious use of surveillance devices and the obtaining of information by deception

The charter demands that the formation collected should be re-levant an drhe minimum needed an drhat information given for one purpose should not be used for another without the individual's knowledge and consent. No sys-tem should be allowed to store

Dr Theodore Deodatus Nathaniel

Legal controls should be intro-

Latest wills

Besterman, of Thorpe Mandeville. founder and director of the Institut et Musée Voltaire, in left £746,932 net. After personal bequests, he left working copies of his own writings to the British Museum Library; his collection of English drawings and old art books to be offered to the Asimolean Museum at half the robate value; and the residue to

growth have grown so big that they are now towns rather than villages", he said. "Their sense of community and neighbourniness, the very characteristics that made them villages, has been lost in the sprawl of new housing estates swamping the villages historic core. Planning authorities in the countryside had allowed themselves to be bamboozied by a mass of accountants' figures, he told the annual meeting of Cambridgeshire Community " For the villages not selected for growth there has been an Cambridgeshire Community Council at Haddenham. One county after another had concenrated new homes, transport, schooling and other facilities on a handful of selected "key opposite result. They have suffered the loss of their indigenous population as young people married and could not find lomes, or realized that their

Service dinners HMS Collingwood Captain R. H. Parsons, RN, was guest of honour at a choner held in the wardroom of HMS Colling-ton night on the occasion HMS Collingwood

wood last night on the occasion of his departure as the Director of Training Execution. Advanced Class knowledge and consent. No system should be allowed to store information about anyone's politics, religion or sexual activities.

Privacy: The Information Gatherers (NCCL, 186 King's Cross Road, London, WC1X 9DE, \$1.25).

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Foster, Miss Mabel, of Sevenoaks
£201,305

Gallimore, Mr Thomas Arthur, of Loxley £178,544 Green, Mr Frank Thomas, of Nazeing £375,276 Jeunings, Mr Monague Righton Jennings, Mr Moningue Righton
Nevill, of Freshwater Bay, Isle of
Wight ... £185,265
McAllum, Mr Sterling, of Pevensey Bay ... £161,389
Taylor, Mr Edward Richardson, of
Cheam, intestate ... £473,408
Thomson, Lady, of Spelsbury, wife
of Sir John Thomson .. £202,229

Luncheons

GLC
The Chairman of the Greater
London Council, Mr Lawrence
Bains, was host at a luncheon at
County Hall yesterday in honour
of Prince Majid bin Abdul Aziz
al-Saud, Minister of Municipalities
and Rurol Affairs, Saudi Arabia.

Master Mariners' Company
The Lord Mayor of Westminster
was the principal guest and
speaker at a luncheon given by
the Master Mariners' Company on
board HQS Wellington yesterday.
The Master, Captain J. E. Bury,
presided. Other guests included
Lord Astor of Hever, the Master
of the Tallow Chandlers' Company and Mr S. R. M. Wade.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping Mr R. A. Huskisson, Chairman of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, members of the general committee and senior staff yesterday enter-tained at luncheon at the society's headquarters in Fenchurch Street:

City of Westminster Chamber of

Science report Oceanography: Manganese nodules in the sea

It has often been suggested that it would be economically worth while to collect the lumps of manganese that are known to little parts of the ocean floor, but, before that can be taken seriously, it is essential to know where the manganese comes from in the first place. The first direct measurements of the concentration of manganese in the waters at the bottom of the occan have just been reported and the results show that the manganese is being forced up from inside the Earth's crust. Manganese is a vital ingredient Manganese is a vital ingredient in the manufacture of steel and there is no effective substitute for it. On land, suitable ores that contain a significant proportion of manganese are found in the Soviet Union, India and parts of Africa: but it has been known for a humired years now that lumps of hundred years now that lumps of material known as manganese nodules, which commin significant amounts of many important metals, are present in great profusion over vast areas of the beds of the deep oceans.

These nodules are usually a few ject. Far better to mine the necession diameter, but sometimes manganese on the more accessible each enormous sizes; some land in those circumstances. inches in diameter, but sometimes reach enormous sizes; some weighing hundreds of pounds have been dredged up. Their structure is rather like an omion: layers of manganese and a variety of minerals are deposited from the seawater around a suitable piece of material, a pebble perhaps, or even a shark's tooth.

There are thousands of millions of tons of useful minerals present in sea water, but at such low concentration that it is not economically worthwhile to extract them. In a sense, however, the management of the ever, the formation of the man-gamese nodules has done the extraction for us. Rather slowly though: the growth rate of the nodules is measured in terms of millimetres a thousand years. A gigantic vacuum cleaner can be envisaged that could suck up nodules from the ocean bed. But that would be an expensive pro-

and if the manganese was ject and if the manganese was being swept into the sea by rivers it would be a rather stupid pro-

However, it has long been sus-pected that the minerals are somehow being produced beneath the oceans and they reach land by volcanic processes occurring when the ocean crust collides with, and is forced under, the

continental land masses. If that

was true it would be sensible to consider extracting the minerals from the ocean bed. The recent results show that that is true: the source of the minerals is near the ocean floor. Much more needs to be known about their extent and rate of production however before the economics of mining them can be worked out properly.

The measurements were made up by Dr G. Kinkhammer and Dr M. Bender of the School of Oceanography at Rhode Island University, and Dr R. F. Weiss. of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, California. They collected samples of water, from

a mile and a half below the surface of the ocean, in the region of the Galapagus Rut, where newly formed oceanic crust is weiling up from the interior of the Earth. Analysis of these samples showed a large proportion of manganese, and the amount increased as the depth increased. Similar analyses away from the rift in the ocean floor showed no variation in the small amount of manganese with depth.

Those results show that man-

sonese, and presumably other minerals, are being injected into the deep see near to the cracks in the ocean floor. The mechanism is thought to be vast convection currents of seawathr that circulate beneath the content of the conten beneath the ocean crust and sweep up minerals into the sea in the region of the rift,

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25 years ago Senator Nixon, the Republican candidate for the vice-presidency in the United States, has announced that he will make a

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

The association, representing

taken over. The White Paper view that individual waterways must be examined in cost-benefit terms is strongly opposed. "We maintain that the waterway system can be



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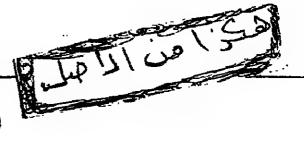


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Share prices hit again by poor company profits, but gilts soar

Share prices fell sharply

tions of British industry.

The FT 30-Share Index slumped another 14-5 points to close at 505.5. More than half the loss occurred late in the day, some large lines of stock tooming on offer as investors considered the implications of disappointing figures from Dunil lop and Vickers.

Since the all-time peak schieved on Wednesday of last week, the index has now the dropped more than 44 points, or around 6 per cent. While many dealers have been surprised at the speed of the fall, most remain undismayed at its extent, feeling that a total rejection of 10 per cent from the peak would not be unreasonable.

With the market rising so o last to its highest level a rebas introduced an unpredictable element into the decline-and hastened it has been the succession of below-par company profits running counter to general market assumptions about the bealth of the economy.

In contrast government stocks had another strong session with long dates supported by a good foreign demand, especially from the United States, and

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share prices tell sharply again on the London stock marker yesterday as another batth of disappointing company profits reinforced investors doubts about the health of sections of British industry.

Long-dated yields are proving a strongly strongly with the long end of the strongly strongly.

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have been no more than light and all applications were ailocated in full.

Dunlop disappointing: Dunlop's shares fell by 9p to 98p yesterday after the company reported disappointing half year profit figures. These showed an increase before tax from £30.3m to £31.6m, which, even after allowing for the exclusion this year of the group's Rhodesian interests, were we'll below stock market expectations. market expectations.

Vickers shares plunge: Shares of Vickers also plunged, falling 21p to 204p yesterday after the group announced a £2m in-crease in pre-tax profits to £16.6m in the first half of the

year.
The figure includes £7.6m representing Vickers' shares of the profits from British Alreraft Corporation before craft Corporation before nationalization. The group has yet to obtain details of Govern-ment compensation terms in respect of the state takeover. Financial Editor, page 19

A working committee; com-

Tarmac announced last week

that it is withholding payment of between £1.5m and £2m to Drake & Scall Holdings, the

Tarmac chief goes by mutual agreement

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W German trade | Fairey in talks urplus rises

West Germany's visible trade urplus increased sharply last onth to just over DM2,500m :625m), but after taking into count the country's deficit on visibles and transfer pay-ems abroad the current count balance of payments ill showed a substantial

According to figures released the Federal Statistics Office Wiesbaden today, German

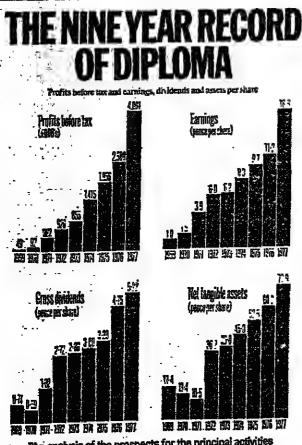
to abandon F16

Belgian Government to dispose of its contract for building the American F16 fighter aircraft at Charleroi. There have been costly delays in completing the prototype and Fairey's already have investment would need heavy investment would need to be supplemented by at least a further £6m, a spokesman for the group estimated yester-

remainder of the £5m deal when Tarmac bought Holland, Han-nen & Cubitts. Business Diary, page 19

Fairey is negotiating with the

Wiesbaden today, German ports in August amounted to M20,926m while imports walled DM18,404m, resulting a visible trade surplus of M25,725.



"An analysis of the prospects for the principal activities within the Group continues to provide cause for optimism as we mostly operate in sectors where excellent long term growth

opportunities exist." ---Extract from Chairman's Statement 7th September, 1977. ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTORS - STEEL STOCKHOLDING STEEL OFFICE FURNITURE - ENGINEERING

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NEB gives Rolls a £20m stimulus

By Peter Hill, Industrial Correspondent Rolls-Royce has received a \$20m cash injection from the National Enterprise Board, and a further tranche of financial aid is likely to be made by the Board to the aero-engine company before the end

of the year.
This latest cash transfusion to Rolls has been made in the form of loan and share capital and follows detailed negotiations between the company, the NER and the Department of Industry on its five-year corporate plan.

The board took over the Government's shareholding in Rolls in February 1976 and since then has been deeply involved in

extensive negotiations with the company on its forward planning and in particular on the scale of research and development

of new aero engines.

Annual research and development expenditure by Rolls has been running at about 150m a year and the NEB, under the chairmanship of Lord Ryder, who retired

earlier this year, questioned whether this level of spending was adequate to ensure the future soundness of the company. Rolls is working on the developing of RB211 engines, first to a thrust power of 50,000 pounds and then to one of 52,000 pounds. These two developments form the main design work by the company for this year and possibly for the next two and a

half years. The NEB has based its further funding of the Rolls engine on the details of the corparate plan which has still to be completed. But the Department of Industry has apperently approved the plan pending settlement of the final details. Like other leading aero-engine manufacturers the company is faced with a lack of orders from air-lines; but the NEB is confident that the company will become highly profitable in

In the last set of accounts Rolls said that increased research and development

spending of £57.2m was the chief reason for the fall in profitability from a pretax profit of £4.5m in 1975 to a loss before tax of £21m last year. It is expected that spending will continue at about £50m, although the NEB is apparently concerned to establish whether this is sufficient to to establish whether this is sufficient to ensure that Rolls is able to maintain its position when the new generation of

Under the present five-year corporate plan the company is expected to achieve profitability. In its report earlier this week the Public Accounts Committee expressed concern that the Department of Industry had failed to agree on a corporate plan since the company's establishment in May,

The committee recommended that the should provide for profits to rise to a fully economic level so that the need for further injections of public money would be reduced. financial objectives set for the company

Iran may

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From Roger Vielvoye

Iran has added a new

dimension to the debate within

Whiteball over the next genera-

tion of nuclear reactors to be built by Britain's Nuclear

Power Company by telling the

United Kingdom Government

that a decision to back Ameri-

can-designed pressurized water

reactors (PWRs) could lead to

an order for NPC to build an

Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy,

is due to announce the new policy on thermal reactors next

month. He has to decide whether NPC should embark on an updated version of the

advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) or switch to the West-inghouse PWR design as a

replacement for the ill-fated steam generating heavy water reactor (SGHWR), which has never gone beyond the design

800 megawant PWR in Iran.

Istanbul, Sept 22

Inducing in Lloyd's a wisdom of owls

Owls, being wise old birds, presumably always knew that they were animals. Not so Lloyd's which has only just become a convert to a view which was widely held even in ancient Greece. Aristotle never doubted that an onl was an animal.

Bramfield, near Hertford, who discovered—to his cost—the extent of Lloyd's ignorance. Two owls dropped dawn his sitting room chimney, one dead, the other alive, active and dead, the other alive, active and very, very dirty and with a panic-induced propensity to knock down every ornament in sight, most of which got broken. But when Mr Owen claimed under his householders insurance policy at Lloyd's to recover the damage, he discovered this disinclination on the part of Lloyd's to believe that owls were animals. Had it been a mere matter of pedagray. been a mere matter of pedantry, maybe Mr Owen would have shrugged his shoulders. But

more was at stake.

In refuting the claim Lloyd's told Mr Owen that he was insured only for impact by vehicle or animal and that as an awl was not an animal the however, offered an ex gratia semiement of less than half the

settlement of less than hulf the claim; as a result, more than owls' feathers flew.

Mr Owen felt obliged to warn our readers, who might be expected to have valuable collections of porcelain or pottery, to have their household policies amended to include cover against not only owls but pigeons, starlings or any other feathered invader.

feathered invader.
Within days the advice began to pour in. Advice on all sorts of topics, ranging from how to cope with bats in the belfry (you use owls, real, or as a just to prove that the subject was not entirely irrelevant) to bow to obtain good insurance advice before taking out a But the most damning letters—at least as far as Lloyd's were concerned—were those

which, when it was published in 1939, carried a foreword by Sir Julian Huxley which offers,

as it happens, an interesting interpretation of how Lloyd's

ended up with egg on its face.
Sir Julian wrote: "Birds,
after all, are animals, although
some enthusiastic birdwatchers

would seem to consider them unique heings constituting an

right-although that implies a

sympathetic understanding— even liking of birds which Lloyd's failed to demonstrate.

organic kingdom in their

A congract from Iran would be the first nuclear power station order from overseas since the Italians bought a Magnox station in the early days of the commercial industry. which, with great erudition, amply proved that owls are animals, no shadow of a doubt.

In fact it transpires there is even a book called "Birds as Animals" by James Fisher (sic) Iranian interest also tends to reinforce the argument of PWR supporters that the Nuclear

Power Company only has a chance of winning overseas orders if it builds PWRs. The AGR has been ruled our of the export market because of the high degree of ensite fabrication it involves compared with the large amount of

prefabrication in the PWR An order from Iran would, of course, be subject to NPC's meeting all the normal commercial tendering requirements, but

it would not necessarily depend on the company's winning a firm order for a PWR on the home market. A commitment from the Goverrament that PWRs would be built in Britain as part of a future nuclear programme would be enough to ensure that

it was given the chance to tender.

Armed with this information and a letter from the Royal Veterinary College, who also know about these things, Mr Owen again broached Lloyd's. This time, the claim has been settled in full (see Business Letters, page 18).

Margaret Stone

Green Shield trims work force and cuts redemption shops by 18

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor
Green Shield, affected by
revenue losses since Tesco, the
company's biggest customer,
dropped trading stamps last
June, last night amounced a
major shake-up in the organization involving management and
gift shop closures that cut 261
full-time jobs and 287 parttimers.

stumps had changed the geographical spread of the business. As a result, on

Lotus in £2m

American

loan deal

By Our Financial Staff

enable it to increase produc-tion to meet demand for the Esprit, especially in the United

In addition to the five-year

chide the stipulation that Amex

must agree to any capital pro-ject. As an integral part of the deal, Amex has been given an

option to subscribe for ordinary

At a press conference held

yesterday in Japan, officials

said the charges were not worth

refuting in detail as they were

of little importance to the

Governor of the Bank of Japan,

Mr Teitchiso Morinaga, the

pledge, made last year to the intervention United States Treasury to stop exchange ma

Japanese deny forcing yen down

pegging the rate.

markets.

A scheme of arrangement for the conversion of the publicly owned ordinary shates in Cavenham into fixed-interest preference shares was sanctioned yesterday by a High Court judge—but with "personal misgivings" about the absence of a cash alternative for shareholders.

Mr Justice Brightman also questioned the propriety of an offer made earlier this year by the French company, Genérale Occidentale, and its subsidiaries in purchase half the public ordinary shares in Cavenham at \$1.25 each.

The offer was accepted, increasing GO's ordinary shareholding in Cavenham to just over 75 per cent and forcing the public shareholders into a minority position. Mr Tom McAuliffe, who has been joint managing director with Mr Joe Phillips of the with Mr Joe Phillips of the successful associate company operation of Argos, the catologue showroom chain, is being switched to become chief executive and joint managing director of Green Shield.

Mr Richard Tompkins, chairman of Green Shield which is still a private company, said last night that Tesco's dropping stumps had changed the

High Court

sanctions

scheme for

Cavenham

the public shareholders into a minority position.

The Judge said: "I don't know whether it was appreclated by the ordinary shareholders that an offer of that sort could lose for the class a voting position of value.

"It is perhaps a marter for consideration whether a partial offer for a class of shares is commercially proper if the side effect is to deprive the class of its voting muscle—unless this is clearly spelt out."

It might have been spelt out to shareholders in this case, the judge said, and if that was so, then there were no grounds

to then there were no grounds for criticism. He added that he expressed "no concluded adverse view" on the propriety

of the offer.

The GO group, headed by Sir Jemes Goldsmith, now holds nearly 79 million of Cavenham's 104.6 million issued ordinary

four £1 preference shares. It was overwhelmingly sup-

The group is producing around 120 curs a month and sales, have been given a considerable lift recently with one of its specially-equipped models ported by the class meetings, but was opposed in court by an ordinary shareholder, Christopher Sills. The judge said: "I have not previously ancountered a scheme which coverts ordinary loan, Amex has made available overdraft facilities of £600,000, but the terms of the loan in-

shares into non-participating preference shares with no cash alternative available." An informed ordinary shareholder might reasonably vote in favour of the scheme, having regard to the minority position into which the class had fallen, the judge ruled. He therefore sanctioned the scheme.

By Caroline Atkinson
In reply to an attack by
Representative Henry Reuss,
the influential chairman of tho

United States House of Repre-sentatives banking committee, Japanese officials yesterday denied that the yen was being artificially held down to gain

export advantages.

Mr Reuss accused the Japanese on Wednesday of intervening in the exchange

Gift-edged stocks were in demand.

Dollar premium 90.62 per cent (effective rate 27.56 per cent).

Sterling lost one point to \$1.7432. The effective exchange rate index was at 62.3.

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Annual statements:

shops would close, with 16 new

shops would close, with 16 new ones opening elsewhere, a net loss of 18 out of Green Shield's gift shop chain of 59.

In addition to staff directly affected by the shop closures, some of whom it is hoped could be offered afternative jobs in associate companies, a "small number" of staff would be affected at Green Shield's Edgware beadquarters in

Edgware headquarters in north London.

Green Saield earlier made 96 nut of its 600 head office staff redundant, rogenher with some warehousing staff.

Since then, this year's potential loss of around 117m because of the loss of 700 Tesco franchises has only been partly offset by the signing up of other retail outlets. Turnover this year is expected to be 17m down at 170m. this year is expected to be £7m down at £70m.

A number of major, petrol is taking up "other responsiretailing chains have also bilities in the group.

dropped Green Shield stamps, involving around 300 filling stations. But Green Shield last night claimed no loss on the petrol station side because of new outlets signed up. As part of the belt-tightening

operation, earlier this month the company announced its withdrawal at the beginning of next year from sponsorship of tennis, swimming and hockey, Mr Tompkins emphasized that Green Shield had group capital and reserves of more than £30m with which to back its "positive steps to put more power into Green Shield."

Mr McAuliffe has left Argos on "leave of absence" basis Mr Peter Pugsley continues as joint managing director of Green Shield. Mr Richard

Redfearn bids referred to monopolies panel

By Bryan Appleyard By Our Financial Staff
Group Lotus, the Norwichbased specialist car group, has
rearromged its substantial shortterm borrowings by means of
a f2m term loan from American
Express International Banking.
Lotus, kild low by the collapse of the specialist car
market after the 1973 oil crisis,
said that the restructuring of
its financial facilities would
enable it to internation product The battle for control of Redfearn National Glass has been called off for up to six months by a reference to the Monopolies Commission and both bidders have to decide now whether to fish and the commission of the commission and both bidders have to decide now

whether to fight on.

Rheem International's 300p
per share partial offer and the
Rockware Group's 320p per
share full offer have been
referred to the commission. This means they both lapse and, as a result, the Redfearn share price immediately dropped 40p to 260p. Rockware slipped 2p to

Rheem made the first move by lapping its all-cash offer the moment the first rumours of the reference were heard. The offer

was due to close today anyway but the reference came faster than anybody had expected. Acceptances had been re-ceived by Rheem in respect of fewer than 154,000 shares, 2.5 per cent of the equity, and the company said it was now considering further action, but the Takeover Panel has already ruled that Rheem cannot come Shares in Lorus. ruled that Rheem cannot com Financial Editor, page 19 back with a new partial offer.

exchange markets to maintain competitiveness will probably

annual meeting of the Inter-national Monetary Fund.

Mr Reuss said he hoped that the IMP would discuss problems as well as plantandes.

His outburst is an indication

the strong resentment felt

be discussed at next

foreign

A panel spokesman said last night that a partial offer com-peting with a full offer would create too much confusion. A further full offer from Rheem, however, would be possible as it is a competitive situation and the normal twelve-month rule after a final offer would be

Mr Jim Craigie, chairman of lockware, said his board would now have to consider whether to pursue the matter as com-mission references were time-consuming and expensive. But he did say that he had a "gut feeling" that Rockware should

Mr John Pratt, Redfearn managing director, said his company had applied for a monopolies reference on the Rheem bid a month ago, and as far as he was concerned the news was long overdue.

The Office of Fair Trading

The Office of Fair Trading said the reference had been made because the issue was in the public interest and the fact that assets being acquired came to more than 55m brought both bids within the commission's frame of reference.

Electricians would not back Leyland strike'

British Leyland's 4,000 electricians want nothing to do with strike action to improve their pay.

A statement issued yesterday by the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunications. they will not support the tool-makers, who are threatening an all-out strike from October 28.

The electricians believe that any artempt to resolve problems by industrial action "would jeopardize the future of Leyland Cars?.

Their reaction follows a plea for sunity by all sides at British Leyland by Mr Leslie Murphy, chairman of the National Enter-prise Board. The EEPTU statement is supported by the union's shop stewards in Leyland and its

executive.

The union says that the company's offer on wage structure and negotiating reform, already rejected by Transport and General Workers' Union shop stewards, "represents the best possible framework within which to solve the industrial relations problems at Leyland

Mr Roy Sanderson, EEPTU national engineering officer, said: "We sympathize with the toolmakers' aim of getting a better deal, but it would destroy Leyland Cars if we tried to resolve these problems by tak-ing industrial action." R. W. Shakespeare writes: The

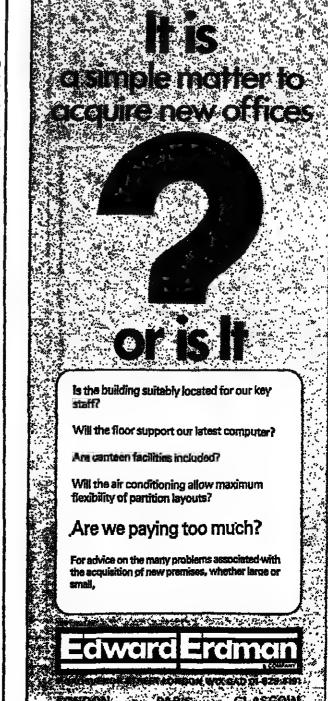
week old strike by 9,000 workers at British Leyland's five bus and truck factories in Lancashire is to continue into next week. A meeting of workers at the plants yesterday voted in favour of continuing the stoppage in support of their pay demands. Hopes of any progress on the

dispute now rest on a meeting arranged for Monday, which will be attended by national officials of the unions, shop stewards and senior manage

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Rover output in danger





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EEC and Americans agree on plan Rise in stockbuilding to achieve 44 pc cut in tariffs

From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, Sept 22 A United States delegation led by Mr Robert Strauss, President Carrer's special trade representative, and the Euro-pean community have evolved "a joint working hypothesis" which, both sides claimed here today, could clear the way for a formula for reducing tariffs at the multilateral trade negotiations in Geneva.

According to Mr Strauss, who had talks today with Mr Roy Jenkins, president of the Eurosis looks for an average tariff has urged curs should be recut of 44 per cent coupled with some harmonization. some barmonization of tariff tariffs.

The damaging shopfloor con-flict at Leyland Cars between Britain's two biggest unions, the Amalgamated Union of En-gineering Workers and the Transport and General Workers is threatening production

kers, is threatening production at the group's Rover plant at Solihull.

vesterday accused management of giving preference in its

latest recruisment drive to members of the TGWU and

plans to stage two-day guerrika strikes from October 1 until "the company introduces a fair

and equitable policy of recruit-

Later in the day, after talks with other unions and manage-

postpone strike action while

further discussions take place. But Mr Desmond Simcox, the

said: "We are not going to put off for much longer. He said distrimination in favour of TGWU members was

so blatant that engineering members seeking employment

had not even been allowed to

lateralism, and third world nationalism was taken by Mr

Ronnie Swayne, chairmen of

Overseas Containers consortium, in Bremen yesterday.

fill in application forms.

ment, the engineers agreed

Engineering shop stewards

Rover output threatened

by union rift at Leyland

as a reference point in negotia-

tions. EEC officials were more reticent and would not confirm the aim of a 44 per cent average reduction. They said the bypothesis was still subject to approval by the EEC's nine member governments. Hitherto there has been a

wide gap between the EEC and the United States in approaches to tariff cuts. The Americans have been arguing for an across-the-board cut of 60 per cent in all industrial tariffs

The joint communique issued Mr Strauss emphasized that after today's discussions says no one was committed to the that there is no "agreement hypothesis but it was to serve that means must be found of

Rover, together with moves to

increase output of Rover cars.

has brought pressure from the engineers for a bigger share of

thousands of jobs being created

between the two unions high-lights how difficult a task Ley-

land faces in trying to win union backing for its pay and

industrial relations reforms.

The differences are also influencing local conflicts within Leyland. Throughout this year

skilled workers, such as the 3,000 toolmakers now threaten-

ing another all-out strike, have npaigned for the restoration

of pay differentials between themselves and semi-skilled and unskilled workers. Until this week they did so

without making specific reference to the root cause—the

larger wage increases won by the TGWU, which represents

the semi and unskilled workers. Now that the real issue is

out, many old wounds are be-

Expansion programme: Ley land Special Prodets, one of the more profitable parts of the

state-owned company, yesterday announced the second phase of

OCL chief 'hopeful' on shipping problems

Ey Michael Baily

A hopeful view of the problems facing Brirish and world liner shipping such as Russian west of their impracticable spansionism. American unishipping policies and I do not shipping had the strength in the capacity of the developing and the strength in the capacity of the capacity o

believe that the Russians want

confrontation", he said at the launching of a container ship for the New Zezland trade.

He believed the will and

ing reopened.

The main area of contention is the assembly tracks, which are traditional TGWU strong-bolds in car plants. Leyland's recent announcement of a 5250m plan to double output of the Land-Rover and Range announced the second phase of a 5250m production of the company's dump trucks, concrete mixers and agricultural the Land-Rover and Range

This increasingly bitter battle

confirms low demand

By Caroline Atkinson Industry's stockbuilding was

duction and harmonization."

On the delicate subject of

agricultural tariffs, Mr Strauss

said these would be negociated

"in parallel with and substan-tial relationship to industrial

tariffs", but the system of vari-

abl levies employed under the

EEC's common agricultural policy would not be included.

search for mechanisms which

would permit progress towards long-term trade liberalization

in stages which would take full

This is taken as recognition

of the need to phase tariff cuts over possibly as long as 10 years because of the economic

difficulties facing many coun-

Offshore

insurance

may go up

Marine underwriters expect

legislation to be introduced that

will incorporate a requirement

for the offshore industry to

show a financial responsibility,

probably through insurance, as

a requisite for exploitation of

The sum of \$75m (£44m) per

installation is not an unlikely figure. This was revealed today during the annual conference

of the International Union of

Marine Insurance.

The offshore industry's need to protect itself from catastrophic loss had been emphasized by the Bravon rig blow out in the Ekofisk field, the union's pollution committee said, and the worldwide attention given

to the accident served to

weaken the industry's past suc

cesses in avoiding legislated liabilities. Hence it was not unreasonable to expect new

Another espect of pollution laws was likely to be the expo-

sure to losses growing out of governmental actions under their intervention

overcome these problems pro-vided they could see their differences were small com-pared with the common

From Denzii Stuart

Montreux, Sept 22

new oilfields.

Marine Insurance.

account of current economicand political difficulties."

Both sides today "agreed to

even larger in the first half of year than originally estimated. Much is thought to have been involuntary, as sales did not pick up as much as companies expected, and actu-ally fell earlier in the year. Revised estimates for stockbuilding in the second quarter put the total at £176m and for the first quarter at £278m.

Other figures published yesterday by the Department of Industry confirmed the provisional estimates of a mild recovery in investment in the April to June period efter the unexpected fall in the first three months of the

Manufacturing industry is estimated to have spent £428m (at 1970 prices) on fixed investment in the second quarter of the year. Officials still expect a substantial unturn in capital spending in the second traif of this year, followed by stronger rises in 1978.

CAPITAL SPENDING The following are the figures published yesterday by the Department of Industry for the fixed capital expenditure of manufacturing, distributing, service and shipping industries and for the stocks all seasonally adjusted at

1970 prices : 4.120 1,745 -605 3,836 1,859 1,090 1,054 1,014 961 940 923 446 420 Q3 -218 1976 Q1 1977 Q1

Investment is still so depressed, however, that even with considerable increases in the next year it will remain low by historical standards.

Machine tool orders up £40m in second quarter

By Edward Townsend British machine tool makers are continuing to experience the steady climb out of recession that began a year ago.
Latest official figures show the value of new orders up by almost 50 per cent on last

The magazine, Trade and Industry, reports today that new orders in the second quarter were worth £120.6m against £80.6m a year earlier, with home orders up by a healthy 64 per cent and export orders by 24 per cent.

This will please the 69 United Kingdom machine tool companies taking part in the European Machine Tool Exhibition in Hanover. The rate of

increase in export sales and orders has lagged behind that of home business, and the United Kingdom salesmen will be looking for some big orders to sustain the upward trend. Export orders in hand at the end of June increased by 14 per cent against 30 per cent on the home market. In terms of

present activity, home orders in hand represented about seven months' deliveries, and export order books could sustain overseas sales for eight months.

Orders in the three months to June were running at 25 per cent above sales, with the result that order books have continued to increase. Total orders on hand at the end of June stood

Reduction in steel stocks

By Peter Hill Industrial Correspondent

Steel consumers and stockists have reduced their stocks in the past few months, but steelmakers in the private sector and in the British Steel Corporation do not regard the de-stocking as the start of a significant improvement in The BSC is at present

involved in detailed negotia-tions over planned reductions in operating levels which, if in operating levels which, if they can be carried through, will involve thousands of workers being placed on shorttime and being asked to accept voluntary redundancy.

The corporation, which this year is facing a loss of some cost reduction programme. In the second quarter of this

year consumers' stocks fell by 3 per cent and those held by per cent compared with the levels held at the end of March. The reduction took place across practically the whole product range, with the largest de-stocking taking place in sheet steel, which fell by 11 per cont, reflecting a considerable reduction in stocks held by the shipbuilding industry.

According to the Departmen of Industry, consumption of finished steel in the April to June period was estima. 3.76 mbilion tormes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Engineering graduates: a shortage of data

correspondent R. Taylor (September 19) on the intended employment of engineering students at Imperial College is welcome move towards gathering objective data on this important subject. So far as it goes, it confirms the surveys of salaries and types of employment carried out in the two years by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, among its members. These surveys deal

with actual employment rather than intentions; they also analyse by age, by mature of work by income and to some extent by qualification.

Nevertheless, these and many other reports on the subject fail to tackle a number of important points and debate on the subject has yet to reach a meaningful level.

Do salaries reflect ability or even the market price? What is the distribution of engineers by abilities? These class of

by ability? Does class of degree reflect ability or indicate the presence of appro-priate skills? What skills are

appropriate and do we have a social and educational system to promote them in the correct proportions?

From Mr F. W. Ward.
Sir, May I refer to the item
in the Business Diary on
September 20. Although I do on Lufthansa flights on which they are holding confirmed not question your commenda-tion of Lufthansa's enterprise in providing more in-flight entertainment, it would be even more commendable (and certainly more in the interests of their prospective passengers) if Lufthanse were to adopt a code of practice similar to the requirements under the Denied Boarding Procedure which applies in the case of flights from the United Kingdom (and

indeed, there are similar arrangements in the case of ver possible. flights to and from the United F. W. WARD, Town Clerk and Chief Executive,

This at least would offer some compensation to passen-gers who are delayed because they cannot be accommodated Grimsby Borough Countil, Town Hall Square, South Humberside, Grimsby,

Ford expansion in London

Sir, At the risk of prolonging the correspondence, surely the GLC cannot hope for any further Ford expansion in London until we have a Labour. Government with a Prime Mini-

best graduates is inadequate, that there is a near disastrous shortage of technicians and skilled workers, that graduates should be employed more widely in small companies and in roles such as production control, that poor delivery perfect that perfect that product the perfect that product that product the perfect that graduates are producted to the perfect that graduates are perfect formance is due to a lack of analytical skills among middle

and top management and that pay and other rewards are not conducive to any improvement whatsoever. Yours sincerely, D. J. RHODES, Redwood Avenue,

Wollaton, Nottinghan In industry, is the blend of September 19.

Problem of the air traveller delayed by overbooking

space.
Indeed, the sample phrase in tuthansa's recorded language lesson "Can you tell me how to get to the main railway station?" is Ironic indeed when—as I know from a recent official visit to Germany one's return to the United Kingdom is delayed for 24 hours because of overbooking on the part of Lufthansa... Such an experience is hardly

an encouragement to "fly Lufthensa"; and the moral of it all is "fly British" where-

From Mr Anthony Perry ster representing a London constituency.

Look at the record: two major Ford expensions in

resent years, Halewod adjoin-ing Huyton-with-Roby Sir Harold Wilson's constituency and now Bridgend adjoining Mr. Callaghan's or am I imagining things?
Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY PERRY,

Barner. Herrfordshire ENS SLQ.

Savers and the building societies

THE F

entrepreneuriel engineer, design engineer, production controller, technician and skilled operator From Mr C. F. Winterson entrepreneurial engineer, design sugmeer, production controller, sir, The article about building technician and skilled operator appropriate to both our economic survival and social and drew attention the engineers. Is the demand for these types as defined by our majorary enderly and old percent captains of industry whose hard earned savings. current captains of industry correct? How do their opinions

usually in building societies.

Reduction in mortgage in est is pressured upon boild compare with practice in other countries?
Until objective data are assembled and debated around these issues I am inclined to societies by the Government political propaganda. Not of does the Government get in for reduction in mortgage in continue in my subjective belief, based on limited but real est, but also include personal experiences, that the training and education of our centage reduction in their in tion statistics, giving a be furthermore, draws money from building societies into ernment securities, as already happened with

Yours faithfully. C. F. WINTERSON; Mynthurst. 43 Bath Road. Sussex. -September 21.

Tax value of a work of art

From Mr G. Corderous,
Sir, Lord Cottesloss
(September 17) sein
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Yours faithfully. G. CORDEROY: United Oxford and Cambridge University Club, 71 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5HD. September 17.

Happy ending to owl saga

From Mr Peter Owen
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Vorriging,

No help from Dunlop

American investors caught up with the Wall Street/London long-term interest rate differential yesterday and were apparently heavy buyers of long gilts. This, coupled with British buyers switching their attention back from equities to gits, pushed long-dated sucks up by nearly £2. Equities still-burdened by poor results from leaders— Dunlop and Vickers provided the disappointor reduction in mone st, but also include a contage reduction in the contage reduction inflation. ment vesterday—fell sharply again.

It seems a very long time since the market set a new record 10 days ago, and the FT index has shed nearly 50 points now. Equities should now be approaching a point at which they can consolidate, and one might expect prices to pick up during the next week or so. But the mood of the marker will be more cautions after this shake out



Meanwhile, Dunlop, under the chairman-ship of Sir Reay Geddes (above) has at last deconsolidated its Rhodesian subsidiary Euous sphere. It ship of Sir Reay Geous.

Achequer ought to rect so comparisons with previous year's figures work of art, then the are harder than usual to make. But the measure has cost the Est sage is clear enough. Profits in the first half of £31.6m against an adjusted £30.3m are frankly disappointing after the encouragement rights issue are trankly disappointing after the encouraging comments in the recent rights issue document, and the forecast of second half profits only "moderately" better than the first half suggests Dunlop will have difficulty matching last year's second half. So full year profits are unlikely to be much more than 168m, broadly in line with last niversity Club, Pail Mail. WI Saga Results like these—up to £20m less than

om Mr Peter Owen jections—could be a serious blow for Dun-ink all your readers; recovered from the serbacks of the Pirelli ally and to your bush that it has no company to be union debacks in the early sevenies. Buyers pally and to you page had at last been coming into Dunlop on the upublished my lens basis of the excellent results of the past ming damage is in a basis of the excellent results of the past ming damage by an or three years and the hope that this year, too, Greatly encouraged by would be good. Indications that this might ter from the Rorel 1 not be so may be unsettling. Dunlop, after a College, I was a all, is only just now emerging from a period. tenor, that the thin the rights issue should ensure lower gearing and a Householders for this year, the expansionary phase is starting w been tettled a till at a time when the balance sheet, if not the power of the ray strained, is not ideally placed to take on ver he unaurated! heavy new borrowing.

Unlike some other companies which have reported disappointing results, however, Dunlop's problems are concentrated in one or two areas, notably Germany and France and to a lesser extent India and Nigeria, and are predominantly in the tyre business LEGAL Your The swing into loss in France is especially worrying, but the United Kingdom is reasonably buoyant, as are the United States and Malaysia. Even so, at 98p, selling at between Malaysia. Even se, at sop, sering arribigs, the

_ P.□ problem again, though an 8.3 per cent pros-

Firs a expective yield will help stem the tide.

with Vickers

Compensation

TRANSFER DOOP problems.

No. 15 1 15 A £2m increase in Vickers interim pre-tax profits to £16.6m was also seen as the charge of the control of the cont about the group's ability to plug the profits gap left by nationalization of the British Aircraft Corporation (in which Vickers had half share) and its shipbuilding interests.

Just under £8m of the interim profit repcontracts and mesents the last slice of Vickers' share of
profits from BAC, while shipbuilding has
micontributed £23m at the trading level. With negotiations yet to get underway

receive state cash for up to two years, take some sort of view on likely compen-sation before the end of the year. Whatever compensation figure emerges—

estimates range from \$40m to as much as

£120m-interest will of course, have accrued since the vesting days. But even assuming the most optimistic forecasts there is a vast gulf between the likely interest payable and the £25m or so annual return that Vickers could expect from its shipbuilding and aircraft interests.

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of business annually,

past decade has been one

element contributing to this trend. This was the deliberate

Department Energy) when he was director

Thus a process which began

scientists and engineers has now worked its way through to a fair number of successes in

different areas of non-nuclear

industry.
One of the most significant projects is in the field of new

materials. In conjunction with the private aertor of the steel industry, Harwell has developed new stainless steel alloys which

For the moment, then, Vickers' decision is to concentrate on steadily strengthening its remaining interests, and benefits are already showing through in office equipment front, while engineering is at least marking rime. But meanwhile the shares, down 21p to 204p, could be under pressure.

 By the end of August investment trust was almost a dirry word in the stock market. The sector had risen less than 8 per cent since the start of the year against a rise of some 35 per cent for the market as a whole. Nor was it good enough, morcover, simply to point to the poor performance of Wall Street and the dollar premium for the

Since then, of course, the revival has been no less than phenomenal. But in the Jubilee edition of their investment trust annual, brokers Laing and Cruickshank argue that the sector could still do with a cut of, say, £500m in size (to around £3,000m) and that the process of merging small trusts should continue. This would, hopefully, create larger and more marketable groups that would attract institutional money to match the steady disinvestment by the personal

Group Lotus

Amex lends

a hand

Specialist car groups the world over have bitten the dust over the past four years as demand in these perrol-conscious days has dropped away and production costs have

spiralled.
While some abroad have managed to shelter under larger car groups, most of the British marques have like Aston Martin stumbled from one crisis to another or like Jensen gone under. Now after three years on the precipice, Group Lotus is taking steps to secure its longer-term financial future by swopping its hefty short-term debts for a fairly restrictive term losn from American



mir Colin Chapman, chairman of Group Letus.

Without this, Letus's efforts to move more into the volume production it now recognizes is the only route for a small manufacturer would always run up against financial constraints. Thanks mainly to an extraordinary credit, the group turned in a small and reasonably cheap—tout to ordinary credit, the group turned in a small profit last year but it will still take years to rebuild reserves depleted by earlier

With Lotus stepping up production from last year's 575 cars to around a 1,000 this year, working capital requirements will rise sharply. Short-term borrowings are currently around £11m, equivalent to 75 per cent of shareholders' funds and the group is con-rinually having to look over its shoulder at

Lotus's still precarious position, however, is reflected as much in the stiffish terms of Amex's £2m five-year loan as in the fact that a rights issue was out of the question. Together with interest at 3 per cent over Libor. Amex is insisting that the money is used immediately to repay short-term bor-rowings from its bankers and that any capital project is agreed with it. Luckily, capital spending on its new models is now over the hump and this year will be around £200,000. Lotus has tightened up its financial controls considerably since the trouble it got into three years ago but at 35p with no dividend the shares will need all of James Bond's belp.

about with cars, railways, oil tankers, aircraft, spacecrait, Big Ben, and other items nonemissions in cars. A world master patent on the

use of Fectalley streets is cata-Answer: About £11.5m worth AFA. This, incidentally, is a This fact emerged last week on publication of the authority's

direct result of development funding from the Department annual report. Non-nuclear work of Industry's Chemicals and represented the largest single Minerals Requirements Board.
A licence under this patent source of income for the AEA in 1976-77, with reacter service, been granted to the Johnson (home and abroad) coming second with £11.3m. Diversification at the author-Matthey group. In connexion with the production of Fectalloy aceis, a separate ficence is held by Resistallov, a new company set up to organize the manu-facture of the stoels in Britain and to sell them worldwide. ity's Harwell laboratory over the

policy of Dr Walter Marshall (deputy chairman, AEA, and recently deposed chief The Harwell Fectalloy-based catalyst has successfully com-pleted a 50,000 miles road durability test on a Leyland Marina, the AEA reports. Though John-son Matthey the concept has heen examined by leading car with the need to find work for manufacturers in various clever but unemployed nuclear countries.

in Europe, Lovland and Volkowigen have carried out extensive evaluation tests. Ford and General Morors in the United States are also complet-

ing testing programmes. Latest estimates of United States requirements for Fecral-loy-based catalysts suggest that several million units a year could be needed in the early are known as Feeralloy steels. 1980s. This would mean a sub-The inclusion of aluminium stancial financial return to the gives a tough skin and extreme resistance to corrosion at temperatures: above 1.000°C. Steel for the non-catalyst mar-ter and for the European car

might be required for these two markets

harwell's connexion with Bri-rish Rail is via the laboratory's Nondestructive Testing Centre, set up by the Ministry of Tech-nology 16 years ago. British Rati operate: an "ultrasonic test train" which defects and records data on track defects; being evaluated aboard the BR

The same unit at Harwell was involved in determining the extent of farique damage in the mechanism of the Great Clock (Big Ben) at Westminster, A serious flav in the hour-striking applying the laboratory's mechanism was detected, and expertise in electrostatics, ion new components were made, inspected and installed.

Other citents of the unit have included Rolls-Royce (radiographic techniques for aero-engine testing and inspection); British Gas epipeline inspec-tion); and the Central Electri-city Generating Board (ultra-sonic holography for turbine came from industry (53.4m). forging inspection).

Harwell's Cerumics Centre has also continued to work closely with industry on special materials and processes. Refel silicon carbide, a high-quality ceramic with exceptional properties at high temperatures, has found uses in a wide range of engineering applications (such as mechanical seals, gascomponents

Authority than nuclear power Question: What is the Atomic They can therefore be plated export market will be produced rocket nozzles). Originally, it logy Support Unit (FISU) at Energy Authority doing messing with placinum and uses in in Sheffield. Within a few was developed as a cladding for Harwell icos done much work about with cars, railways, oil catalysts to control exhaust years, about 2,000 tonnes a year nuclear fuel in high-temperas on assessing alternative energy ture, gas-cooled reactors. Another non-nuclear unit is

the National Centre of Tribology(associated with the European Space Tribology Laboratory) which the authority operates at Risley. The national centre has combined urgent consultancy work on lubrication and wear for indusan automatic scanning system try with longer-term research-developed by the centre is now and development; the European laboratory has tested the solary array mechanisms of the ill-fred European Orbital Test

Satellite. At the authority's Culham laboratory, industrial electrotechnology physics and high electric and monitoring, outreid exposured magnetic fields. Lightning and operation, scabed survey and search, and instrumentainvestigated for the Ministry of Defence; electrostatic ignition hazards on large oil

came from industry (£3.4m), the Department of Industry's Requirements Boards (£4.8m), so lead to improved ending designs; and other government departments (£3.3m). Deducting costs, a surplus of £486,000 production processes in projects

remained.
For the Department of Energy, Harwell has become an important source of technical support in the field of energy research and development generally. The Energy Technosources and on conservation.

ciosely involved with industry Another Harwell group, the Marine Technology Support Unit (Marsu), similarly supports the R and D programmes of both the Department of Energy and the Department of Industry.

For the Health and Safety Executive, the AEA's Safety and Reliability Directorate his assessed the potential hazards of existing and proposed oil installations on Canvey Island. And, for the Offshore Energy Technology Board, the authogroup is riv's work has been extended laboratory's to include underwater engineerrin's work has been extended ing, materials, inspection and

> Among a wide range of other non-nuclear projects, advanced laser methods are heing developed to analyse more fully from has previously been possible the flows and processes in in-ternal combustion engines, and so lead to improved entire

for the printing, plastic and paper converting, food process-Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

Arthur Reed

Skytrain-a threat to cheap travel?

As Laker Airways By the first change their allegiance in walk-on, cheap fare flights large numbers and the package across the North Atlantic by a non-member of the International Air Transport Association, the strikes of the world are wondering what the effect of Skyrrain will be on the more transitional forms of six rayel. tradicional forms of air travel.

The reaction of the big air-

The reaction of the big airlives in late is already well
known. Worried that Laker
will cream off much of their
lifth-yield traffic with their £59
London-Now York single fare,
they have begun marketing
their own "stand-bys" at £64. But also watching the situation closely are the travel organizers, who at present send hundreds of thousands of passengers to the United States

and reasonably cheap—tour to the Costa Brava. After several tile Costi Brava. Anter several visits there they become more adventurous and fly farther sfield, probably to Greece or North Africa.

Will this section of the market now be tempted by Sky-train and the lara airlines' stand and the large sprines standby fares to try the United States? Opinion in the travel trade is mixed, but remains generally optimistic that there will be no great shift.

Laker's enterprising service will, the feeting is, appeal largely to the young and footloose who are not particularly worried if they do not have a bed booked for the night when they arrive in New York Packthey arrive in New York, Package tourists are usually conservative family groups, often with young children, who want to be led by the hand by the airlines and the tour companies when they enter the alien world of international travel.

Such people are unlikely to meet the travellers at the air

done reasonably well after the resurgence of confidence in the economy which emerged towards the end of the sum-mer. Early in the season package tour bookings were well down, but by August most tra-vel agencies were hard pressed to find bookings for their potential clients.

Opinion is split in the advance booking charter sector about whether the advent of Skyaram and lata airline standbys will seriously affect their business.

of the Charter Some members Advance Booking Operators Council already expressed the fear that the North Atlantic charter market could collapse in the face of the new fares. Others believe, as do the package tour airlines, that the two markets are so different that there will be no serious effect.

be no serious effect.

Those who are worried believe that the Civil Aviation Authority ought, to withdraw the regulation that makes it necessary for immending passengers on ABC flights to book their seats at least 45 days in advance of travel. This would then make ABCs fully competitive with Skytrain and stand-bys-especially as ARC. stand-bys—especially as ABC fares can be even cheaper than the latest rates of Laker and the late carriers.

The opposite view is led by Mr Reg Pycroft, managing director of Jersave, the biggest British company funnelling passengers into the ABC busi ness and using airlines such as British Caledonian and CP Air. His artitude is that ABC pas sengers are mainly middle-aged

and clear 90 per cent of them are visiting friends and rel-atives in North America. The relatives on the other side of the Atlantic normally

Laker's Skytrain: will it break into the holiday package market?

port of arrival and so it is sessential that there should be definite bookings on flights. Skytrain or stand-by concepts, inscribing the sense of th where intending passengers have to turn up at airports and may have to wait for hours for the chance of a ticket and then, perhaps, not obtain one, would not suit this market arall, Mr Pycroft believes.

year to produce a turnover of £18m. "ABCs are alive and

stone thrown into a pond, the

Jetsave expects to carry effects of Mr Freddie Laker's Skytrain service will rock the whole of the airline scene, Encouragingly, the only people who are certain to gain from well, and I am confident that the upheaval are the public—
they will remain so ". Mr Pythose, that is, who have in the
croft said.

Like the ripples from a but who have found it too ex-

DOWNING

Profit announcement for the Half Year ended 30th June, 1977

The unaudited Consolidated Group Profit after convertible loan stock interest for the six months to 30th June, 1977 is £14,951,000 as against £11,536,000 for the six months to 30th June, 1976.

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|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | 30.6.77 | ths ended 30.6.76 | anded 31,12,76 |
| | £'000 | £*000 | £'000 |
| Turnover | 548,782 | 436,752 | 945,030 |
| Consolidated Group Profit | 14,951 | 11,536 | 25,847 |
| Taxation | 7,785 | 5,896 | 13,120 |
| Profit after texation | 7,166 | 5,640 | 12,727 |
| Minority | 204 | 252 | 526 |
| | 6,962 | 5,388 | 12,201 |
| Preference dividend | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| | 6,957 | 5,383 | 12,190 |
| Extraordinary items | _ | _ | 3,983 |
| Available for Ordinary | | | |
| Shareholders | 6,957 | 5,383 | 16,173 |
| | | | |

All sectors of the Group, other than shipping and property, have contributed to the 30% increase in profit before tax for the six months ended 30th June, 1977.

Insurance broking has once again achieved excellent results, as have the insurance underwriting companies. Bowmaker, the credit finance and engineering subsidiary, shows increased profits despite the low level of activity in the construction industry which has resulted in a reduced contribution from engineering. Merchant banking has had a good first half. Trading operations increased their profits but the outlook for the full year is uncertain. Shipping is currently unprofitable owing to the world-wide recession in freight rates. The property sector continues to show a deficit due to the burden of interest charges in the absence of sales in the period.

The Directors expect that 1977 will be another record year but the increase in profit for the year as a whole is unlikely to be at the same rate as in the first six months.

The Directors have resolved to pay an interim dividend of 0.9075p per share for the year ending 31st December, 1977 which together with imputed tax credit amounts to 1.375p per share (1976 1.25p per share). In addition, arising from the reduction of 1 per cent in the basic rate of income tax since the declaration of the final dividend for 1976, the Directors have resolved to pay a further dividend for the year ended 31st December, 1976 of 0.02809p per share which together with imputed tax credit amounts to 0.04256p per share. This gives a total payment of 0.93559p per share payable on 21st November, 1977 to Ordinary Shareholders on the Register on 21st October, 1977. These dividends will absorb £961,000 and £29,000 respectively.



C. T. Bowring & Co. Ltd
The Bowring Building, Tower Place, London EC3P 3BE

Business Diary: Francis and Tarmac • Pensions guru

Prancis had made a big name in overseas construction in the property of the present years, both in furthering Tarmac's own expansion abroad, and as chairman of the Overseas Projects Group, a forum for the industry and for gov-ernment, and as vice-chairman to the Construction Exports

Advisory Board.
His beginnings were modest.
A Clydesider, Francis left school at 16 and read civil Plant of the point of t assistant to the chief engineer and took over the construction of the company 10 years ater when Robin Martin became chief executive. GAMEN assistant to the chief engineer

Francis, who became a director in 1965, likes sailing, shoot-



ill Francis.

The departure of Bill Francis, ing and fishing, but said recently: "Frankly, I am just chief executive of Tarmac surprised the civil engineering His responsibilities for Tarmac's overseas operations are likely to be taken over by Alam Osborne, managing director of the construction director of the construc

There have been more than

There have been more man
a few books out on pensions
this year bur few have been as
eagerly avaited as Harry Lucas'
Pensions and Industrial
Relations: A Practical Guide*,
which was published yesterday.
Not only is the book a
genuine first; it really is the first book on pensions as seen from a grade union negotiator's point of view. It is also written

by one of the few top-notch experts the trade unions at the moment can field on the Harry Lucas who is the pensions adviser to the General & Municipal Workers' Upion is looked upon as one of the gurus on pensions in the trade union

on persons in the trade difference world not only by fellow unionists but also by the other experts, the pensioners advisers, consultants and insurance companies. It is admitted o nall sides that pensions can be parrisan—
pensions can be parrisan—
particularly on the delicate
issue of whether or not only
recognized trade unionists
should represent all members
of a firm on the board of
trustees of a pension fund—but Harry Lucas is noted as the

man who can be and is objective and intellectually stimulating and intersectually standwarding into the bargain.

He has had ample backing chairman of Lloyd's, ex-president of the Insurance Institute has been sent by an employer.

Basnett general secretary of the GMWU who is in the forethe GMWU who is in the fore-front of trade union leaders preaching the gospel of pen-sions which are after all, deferred pay.

Support for the book has also come from leading national employers such as Pilkinton, GKN and British Leyland which have willingly conversed in the

have willingly cooperated in the case studies *Published by Pergamon Press ar £8.50 and £3.75.

The Co-operative Bank was yesterday preening itself on the announcement that it is to begin Sunday opening the weekend

What is more, the Co-op is taking this voyage to the wilder shores of banking, as we British know it, not safely near its Manchester headquarters but up among the fierce sabbatarians of Glasgow.

"It is another example of the bank's policy of caring for

and sharing with our customers", a spokesman was moved to say yesterday. That, if Business Drary may say so, is putting it a bir strong.
What is happening is that the branch—yes, just one—happens to be in Scorland's first hyper-

market, a new Co-op develop-ment in Morrison Street, Glasgow. The store is open on a Sunday—and the bank with it but both are closed on Monday. There are no plans to extend Sunday opening to the other 700 "Handybanks" as they are called in big Co-ops in either Scotland, England or Woles.

whatever customers may feel

of London, director of brokers Willis, Faber & Dumas, chair-man of Lloyd's Life and one of the insurance elite who hold the Lloyd's gold medal for out-standing sangle-way installed standing service—was installed as president of the Chartered Insurance Institute yesterday. Harry Mance has already made a big contribution to the insurance industry and now undertakes another appoint-ment during what would other-

wise have been his retirement. Succeeding against the odds is his forte. Sir Henry took Lloyd's, the archetyped short-term insurance market, into the long-term business of life assurance. He is even an admiral of the Texas Navy.

John Arkell, chairman of the Air Transport and Travel Industry Training Board, is warning aviation employers that one of the board's pet training wheezes is going into a nosedive because of lack of

It is the Adult Engineers' Training Scheme, which began Training Scheme, which began in January last year and under which 146 people so far, all civilian or ex-service and unemployed, have been given a crack at getting a Civil Aviation Authority licence.

AETS, Arkell says, is both "one of the major training schemes we have set up" and one whose success has "exceeded our emecations and

ceeded our expectations and fully justified the money spent But there's the rub. The cost

of training has been borne by the state's Training Services Agency, but only on condition that the aviation industry

Government money and patience is now running our, and Arkell's ITB is now in a and Arken's 115 is now in a spot since, as he himself says, "the supply of engineers com-ing out of the armed services is drying up, and the industry will then need to find and train people from among its own ranks".
Arkell's educational mech-

anics are now overhauling the courses to see if they're too long or too detailed for what employers want: something perhaps that should have been done before take-off.

Small investors who have watched bank deposit rates tumbling down to their present meagre 3 per cent may be attracted by the decision of Chemical Bank, one of the American majors, to offer 6 per To add to the arrection. Chemical is now working to a formula which means that its

seven-day deposit rate will be pegged at 1 point below its base rate, whereas the clearers have steadily widened the margin be-tween the two to the depositor's detriment. But just how good is Chemical Bank's deal? Certainly not twice as good. Being essentially a wholesale bank in Britain, Chemical is not interested in sums of less than £25,000. But

at that kind of level the would-

be depositor can do almost as

well by walking into the near-est branch of a clearing bank. On sums of more than £10,000 the clearers are pre-pared to offer money market. linked rates. Barclays, for instance, is at present offering 5 13/16 per cent for sums of £25,000 and over and 5 9/16 per cent for sums over £10,000.



Reduction in Interest Rate

Access is to reduce the interest rate to borrowers from 2% to 12% per month with effect from October 1, 1977. From that date the new rate will be applied to all interest bearing balances and to purchases attracting interest for the first time. This means that the maximum true annual interest rate on cash advances is reduced from 26-82% to 23-14%, but in practice the flexibility of choice available when the card is used for purchases means that in most cases cardholders pay an appreciably lower rate.

Clause 5 of the ACCESS Conditions of Use will be amended from that date to:—

Interest will be charged at the rate of 12% per month on a daily basis, equivalent to a maximum annual rate of 23 14% on the balance outstanding on ALL cash advances from the date the advance is taken until full repayment is credited to the cardholder's ACCESS account.

In the case of purchases, interest will not be charged on amounts repaid which are credited to the cardholder's ACCESS account within 25 days of the date of the statement on which the items first appear. Any amount outstanding at the end of the 25-day period will be charged interest at the rate of 12% per month from that statement date and will continue to be charged on the daily balance outstanding until full repayment is made.

A service of Lloyds, Midland, National Westminster, Williams & Glyn's and Clydesdale Banks, The Royal Bank of Scotland, Northern and Ulster Banks.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Poor company news prompts selling

in an externit to stimulate some interest. In addition dealers reported that some sizable lines of stock came on offer after further consideration of another batch of disappoint-ing company profits which had depressed equities for most of

The effect on the FT Index was quite dramatic. By 3 pm it was 6.5 down but looking quietly firm at that level. But between then and the close it between then and her daying it daying it with a net loss on the day of 14.5 at 505.5. It now stands

lower on the week and has shed 43.7 since its all-time peak. All this was in sharp contrast to the gilt market which contimed to attract strong support, much of it from abroad and mainly centred at the long end. With yields the attraction maturities rose by as much as £2 at one stage and in spite of a late fall still managed to close a point and a half to the good.

of around a point but ar the comparatively

Reports of a bid by Superior Oil for Austral, a member of the Indonesian oil and gas consortium, sparked life into Ultramar which rose 12p to 254p after trucking 261p. While there is no question of a bid for Ultramar, dealers were saying that the Superior terms put a value on the group's stake in the consortium of up to 240p.

limited to a quarter. There was considerable speculation over the amount of foreign money which has come into the market in the past two days but some dealers were saying that United States orders totaked £25m on Wednesday and that a further £75m worth of business was being considered.

two results which than anything cast a shadow across equities were those from Dunlop and Vickers. For the former profits con-firmed most people's worst ex-pectations and the shares dip-ped 3p to 38p. Even though Vickers profits were sheed of the previous year they did not live up to hopes and were accompanied by a warning for the future. The combination of these factors lowered the shares 21p to 204p. With most of the decline

coming late in the day other leading industrials also ended well down, among the worst being Beeckam Sp to 630p, Glazo Sp to 620p, ICI 7p to 417p

Shares lost ground sharply in general trade at a minimum, after recent especially earlier in the session, were Martin-News 4p to 232p, takeover stocks were again Ladbroke 5p to 171p and prominent.

> maker ERF slumped 27p to 128p with fellow manufacturer Fodens registering a sympa-thetic drop of 12p to 56p. Bga returned from suspension at 142p, 5p up on the suspension price, but bidder MK Electric slipped 16p to 186p.

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> Redfearn Glass reacted 40p to 260p after rejecting the Rockware counter and Crane Fruehauf soared 7p to 63p, a couple of points ahead of the renewed minority terms from the American Fruehauf Corporation. The original deal was referred to the Monopolies Commission late last year but, to the surprise of some, subsequently cleared. The American company has always maintained its intention to come with fresh terms if allowed to.
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> Other specularive stocks in-

cluded Jonas Woodhead, the vehicle component maker, vehicle component maker, which rose 2p to 202p, after 205p, on a mention here, Carlton Industries which jumped 12p to 148p, Invergorden supported to the exent of 5p to 85p and Hay's Wharf which closed 3p to the good at 150p.

rominent.

Turner Manufacturing 2p to
After the hid denial lorry 115p. For the last named the

spor has been the hope that. Dana Corporation would come with perms for the balance of the equity.

Edinburgh & Dundee rose 20 to 1560 awaring further bid developments while others to were Pauls & Whites 40 to 1050 exad Associated Newspapers 12p to 155p, the last named on North Sea potential. the insurance

interim figures from Prudential Bited the shares 4p to 158p but a gloomy outlook bit C. T. Bow-ring which slipped 10p to 120p with Matthews Wrightson off 8p to 230p in sympathy.

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Banking shares also went progressively weaker with all the clearers losing op and Barclays ending at 300p, Midland 320p, National Westminster 260p and Lloyds 250p. The warring on future profits lowered Antony Gibbs another In to 450. lo to 450.

There were some hefty losses in the stores sector with British Home Stores off 13p to 220p, Gus "A" So lower at 313p, and Mothercare off 6p to 180p.

Latest results

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speculative rises Brokers report a good deal of News 4p to 232p, interest in Sears Holdings p to 171p and shead of figures due soon but general trend and closed with

a fall of 2p to 59p. In the oil sector both BP 14p to 916p and Shell 12p to 598p were depressed by Wall Street Equity turnover on September 21 was £93.17m (18,663 bar

Turner Manufacturing slippe 20 to 115p yesterday after buy-ing by small investors had pushed the shares ahead of the pushed the shares ahead of the market for a week. The company's year ends this momen and profits of £3.6m compared with £2.2m, last time look like a minimum in spite of trouble with payments from Turkey, its biggest overseas market. The 35 per cent stake held by the Dana Corporation adds the spices of takeover possibilities.

according to Exchange Telegraph, were Uhraman, Tube
Investments new, GEC, Shell,
GKN, Delta Metal, ICI, BOC
new, Distillers, Thos Tilling,
BAT Dfd, Grand Metropolitan,
Babcock & Wilcox, RTZ, Carlton Ind, CT Bowring, Hay's
Wharf, Fodens, Dawson Inf,
Jonas Woodhead and ERF.

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underwrites continuing recovery

Prudential

Prudential Assurance, of the United Kingdo offices has swing strongly back into the black on its general (non-life) underwriting The underwating surplus for the first half of the year was £23m compared with a was £23m compared with a deficit of £0.9m in the corresponding period of last year.

Meanwhile investment income, which includes that relating to shareholders funds but excludes that relating to long-term business, climbed from £13.9m to £15.8m. Prejimiums increased from £15.8m.

The Princential reports red. gains). Active stocks yesterday.

The Prudential reports the the better underwriting result reflects continuing improve

General and Liscaut, which now account for around a third of the intal business writing.

Mesowhile the small Uning Mesowhile the Sale of 1976 was turned into a modest." surplus Bard modest and the commercial and motor accounts more than and motor accounts more it offser continuing deficits on t domestic account. This is suffering from values lags behind the inflation rate further subsidence claims.

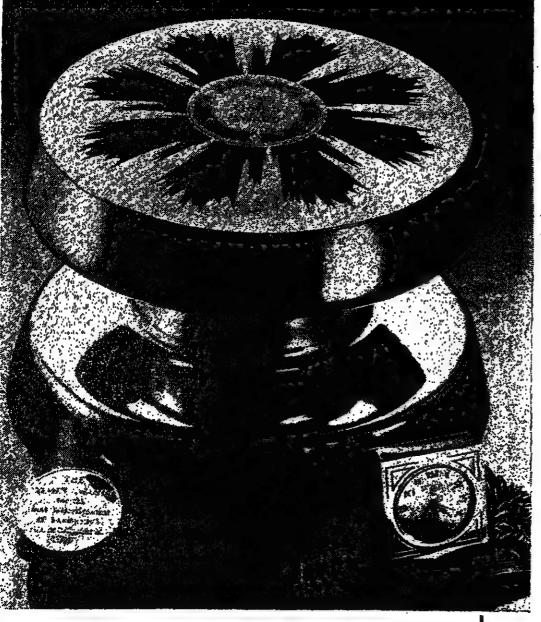
The interim dividend goes

Brown Boveri doing well and more to come

In the first half of this yes Brown Boveri Kent, the hold ing company of the Georg Kent industrial lestrument an process control group, made pre-tax profit of £2.92m, co pared with £3.03m for the m months to December 31 I Turnover reached £33 against £47.13m for

profits confirm his sta at the annual meeting the

ment in 1977. Aithough taking view of longer term prospect the board is confident the in profits in the second hal year. An inverim dividend o 1.15p gross is being paid in the hoard expects to pay final of 1.51p, making a tonor 2.66p—the maximum



The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results have aroused considerable interest since their introduction in 1974 and the competition is now in its fourth year.

The categories in which awards will be made are listed alongside. The conditions of entry remain unchanged.

THE TIMES AWARDS FOR THE BEST ADVERTISEMENT OF A COMPANY'S RESULTS FOR 1977.

The Awards

The awards will follow the 1976 pattern, namely a) The Grand Prix, to be held for one year, awarded

to the entrant whose advertisement is, in the opinion of the judges, the best submitted, irrespective of category. The Grand Prix consists of a silver trophy, specially designed for The Times by Gordon Hodgson.

b) First, second and third prizes for category winners. Awards will be made both to the winning advertiser and agent.

The Panel of Judges

The Awards will be made by an independent panel of judges, selected for their understanding of this specialised form of communication.

They will judge entries in accordance with the following criteria. An advertisement of a company's results, whether the Chairman's statement is or is not included in full or in abridged form, should:

a) Attract the eye, by virtue of its design. b) Be easy to read, by the use of skilful typography.

c) Contain such information as prospective investors or professional advisers are likely to require, including details of the business carried on by the company,

d) Include, at the option of the advertiser, such illustrations, graphs, or diagrams as may be necessary to supplement (c) above.

e) Leave the reader with the impression that the company concerned would be a good one to do business with, to work for, or to invest in.

Note: In the case of the categories Interim Results or Preliminary Figures; only criteria (a) to (d) will apply.

Conditions of Entry

All entries are free, but must have appeared in the pages of The Times Business News during 1977.

The following are the categories in which awards will be made:

1. Annual Results.

a) Colour or Black and White. Half page or larger, or equivalent.

b) Colour or Black and White Less than half page or equivalent. 2. Interim Results or Preliminary Figures.

Colour or Black and White (All sizes). The Judges will have the option of making, at their absolute discretion, special awards for the following:

*The best advertisement by an overseas company.

*The best advertisement smaller than 20cms x 4 cols. *The advertisement which makes the most significant contribution to new and imaginative thinking in financial

advertising (without necessarily satisfying all the criteria for the Grand Prix or Category Winners.) Entries will be accepted throughout the twelve month.

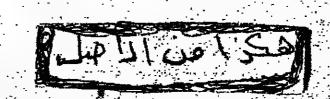
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BUSINESS NEWS



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Obras) has been priced a 994 per cent, the Drestner Bank,

manager, says. As expected, the 7-year issue carries a 7 per cent coupon to yield 71 per cent, the bank said.

Plasmon Dieretici Alimentari Spa, the leading Italian manu-facturer of children's foods, has

shown a ner profit of 2,000m lire (£12m) in the 15-month liscal year to the end of March this year. The board has decided to include this profit in the next bolance sheet. Plasmon which is 30 per correction.

mon, which is 90 per cent con-trolled by the United States Heinz Group, reported its sales rose by 18 per cent to 97,000m lire in the fiscal year.

Cities Service Company says it expects its third quarter earnings to be lower than earlier anticipated because of a combination of strikes, lower copper denand and lower copper prices. Some of the factors will continue into the fourth quarter and most are in minerasts operations. Cities Service says it now expects the full year earnings to be about the same as last year, \$217m (about £127,6m).

Great Western United Cor-

poration of America says that the Sunshine Mining Company's

board declined to meet with its board to attempt to reach an understanding on Great Western's tender offer for Sun-

shine shares.

Consequently, Great Western says it did not extend the expiration of its offer for 1,250,000 Sunshine shares at \$14.75 each beyond the initially-set deadline on September 29,

Saint Gobain offer

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CT Bowring shares shed 10p on a cautious forecast

By Ronald Pollen

Despite an improved first hulf, C. T. Bowring, the international insurance, banking and trading graup, slapped 10p to 120p venerous. The board forecast that the ingrease in second-half profits would not match those of the first half.

As it is, the 30 per cent increase in first-half profits to \$14.95m once again owed most to the strong performance of the insurance broking side. Here, any weakening of sterling has been more than made good by the group's strength in the booming reinsurance husiness. Otherwise, only shipping and property have held back Bowring. Shipping continues to be unprofitable owing to the world-wide recession in the world-wide r ring. Shipping continues to be unprofitable owing to the world-wide recession in freight rates. The property side which lost 1900,000 fast year is still in the red owing to the burden of interest charges in the absence

in construction that has de-pressed the engineering side. The Singer & Friedlander merchant banking subsidiary, of any sales.
For the rest the Bowmaker too, has had an improved first hali. The interim dividend has been increased by the maximum to a total of 1.42p a share gross. credit finance and engineering subfidiery has pushed up profits despite the low level of activity

Crosby Hse Whittingham in £628,000 interim loss quadruples turnround

Mr Edgar Bowring, chairman,

The reports and accounts of Crosby House the commercial and industrial group which will be issued at the end of the month are to contain details of a substantial claim for damages which will be lodged with the Thomas Cook Group. In January this year Crosby bought the while share and loan capital of Thomas Cook Freight. As a result the accounts of Crosby while share and loan capital of Thomas Cook Freight. As a result instrument of the accounts of Crosby will instrument a child instrument of the share and loan capital of Thomas Cook Freight. As a result instrument of the month of the The pre-rox loss at William Whittingham (Holdings) quad rupled to \$129,000 in the six rupled to £122,000 in the six months to April 30. Profits of the development and property side edged forward from £677,000 to £681,000, but investment income fell from £688,000 to £104,000. The interest burden the £40 and lighton as £594,000. was £40,000 lighter at £594,000. But the photographic division, which usually makes a loss in the first half, reported a deficit up from £263,000 to £320,000. Mr John Wardle, chairman,

explains that he would be disappointed if the second-half's results were not in line with the second half of last year, which in my view will proreached 1338 £256,090. This is in contrast to 1975 when pre-tax profits reached a best eyer figure of 1372,000. The loss for 1976 was made normal meeting in £5.6m to £9.6m. There was a lid be a real improved a relation of 350 compared duce an entirely acceptable result for the year as a whole". A pre-tax profit of £524,000 was made in the last half of 1975-76. A similar result this time would mean pre-tax profits of about 5395,000 for 1976-77. Whittingham's phased reduc-tion in group borrowings is alread of budget and the chairman believes shareholders will be pleased with the year-end balance sheet. As for last year, there is no interim payment, but a final—0.42p net last year

Borg-Warner foresees greater gains in second half performance

Borg-Warner Corporation, the American group dealing in chemicals, plusties, huilding products and transport equipment, expects second-half results to show larger gains over the year earlier period than the 16 per cent earnings increase on 7 per cent sales growth in the first half this year, according to Mr William Vallant, the trea-

Surer. A strong performance has been recorded by the transportation group and its York air conditioning division, especially in large equipment for United States and Middle East markets.

Burg Warner has made significant, sain, in anomaloused. ficant gains in energy-related equipment and in its financial equipment and it intacted services group, whose gross receivables have passed \$1,000m (about £588,2m), but results continue to be unsatisfactory in Europe, especially in chemicals, plastics and automatic transmissions.

missions.

Capital expenditure this year will be about 570m to \$75m, up from \$36m in 1976, but \$30m below the original budget for 1977, Mr Valiant said,
The chalman, Mr James Bere said changes being made in the automotive industry to

meet consumer preference, safety requirements, environment and energy legislation present new opportunities for Borg-Warner and other suppliers to the industry—Renter.

US note auction

The United States Treasury says it has sold 53,000m (about 11,764m) of two-year notes at an average yield of 6.74 per cent. The average yield was unchanged from the last nuction of two-year notes on August 21. Bids for the notes totalled \$5,400m the Treasury said. The high yield was 6.73 per cent and the low yield 6.71 per cent.

Gelco record

Golco Corporacion, a United States-based major transportation management company, has reported its eleventh consecutive year of record revenues and profits and a 47 per cent

International

increase in earnings per pri-mary share for the year ended July 31. Net earnings after tax for fiscal 1977 were \$13.5m (about £8m) on sales of £212.1m This compares with net caraings a year earlier of \$9m.
Afr N. Bod Grossman, chairman and president, said operating strength was exhibited throughout the year by each of Gelco's divisions. "The demand for Gelco's services continues to

Argentina bond

Argentina bond

The Argentine Republic and an international banking syndicate led by Deutsche Bank AG have signed the agreements regarding an issue of DM100m bonds. The bonds hear interest at the rate of 7½ per cent (payable annually on October I) and will be offered at 99½ per cent. The bonds will be redeemed at par on October I, 1984. Application will be made for the admission of the bonds for trading and official quotation on the Frankfurz Stock Exchange. This is the first international issue Argentina has placed on the capital market for seven years. In the years from 1967 to 1969 Argentina had floated three issues of DM100m each under the management of Deutsche Rank.

Thomas Transport

The operating profit of Thomas Nationwide Transport of Australia was \$16.6m (about £10.3m) for the year ended June 30. This compared with \$A13.25m a year earlier. Sales were \$A462.6m against were \$A341.6m. against

Earnings a share were 19.6 cents (22.5 cents) on capital increased by a one-for-10 bonus issue and issues for takeover.

Banco Obras

The previously-announced Dm150m (about £35.7m) issue from Banco National de Obras

Business appointments

Courtaulds' new director

Sir Peter Thormon is to join the board of Courtsulds as a non-oxecutive director. Dr G. A. R. Hartley has retired.

Sir Henry Mance, a director of Willis, Faber and Dumas and a former chairman of Lloyd's, has been elected president of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

Mr T, French has been appointed a director of Sathaby Parke Bernet Group.

Paris.—Saint Gobain Pont a Mousson has made an offer of 30 francs a share for all the stock of Quartz et Silice SA it does not already hold. The Stockbrokers Association said. Quartz et Silice is quoted on the official Paris cash market. It has a capital of Fr12.9m mde up of shares of Fr70 nominal, of which Saint Gobain already holds 68.9 per cent through its subsidiary Saint Gobain Industries, the association added. The group's shares were last quoted at Fr24.1 and the Saint Gobain offer is valid until October 21, 1977.—Renter. J. K. Pitts has joined the board of the Hoxide Group.
Mr F. S. Worms has been coopted on to the board of Bank
Leumi (UK).
Mr C. W. Brocklebank becomes a director of Campius Investment
Trust.
Mr M. Sheppard has oined the board of Celtic Haven.
Mr A. P. Coackiey becauses a director of Single Holdings.

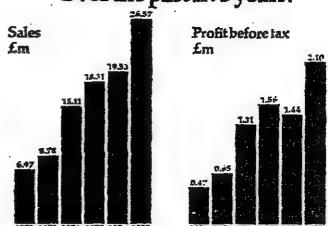
UNITECH

Continued Growth Profits exceed £2,000,000

In the year ended 28th May 1977:

Sales increased from £19.5m to £26.6m Profit before tax increased from £1.4m to £2.1m -up 46% Earnings per share increased from 4.9p to 7.3p Recommended total dividend of 3.61p net, twice covered -up 10%

Over the past five years:



The future:

The current year has started well, with demand ahead of last year indicating another year of increasing sales and profits.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretary, Unitech Ltd., Phoenix House, Station Hill, Reading. RG11NB, Berkshire.

A Group of companies marketing and manufacturing a range of electronic components and equipment.

UNITECH LIMITED

Interim Results

Unaudited pretax profits at £13.41 million 33% up on corresponding period last year. Better U.K. profits partially

offset by lower overseas profits. Exports 39% up over first half of last year.

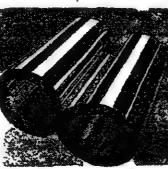
A huge responsibility rests on both Employers and Trade Unions to make sensible non-inflationary settlements, whilst maintaining the agreed 12 month interval between increases. It is clear that there is not likely to be any substantial improvement in U.K. demand in the near future and we must therefore rely on higher exports if we are to avoid more unemployment. If our costs rise through inflationary pay settlements our exports will inevitably become uncompetitive and will fall in volume with serious resultant effect on employment. Lord Caldecote — Chairman



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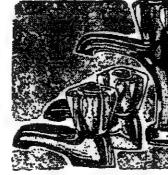
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| Saies · | £252.53m | £195.77m | £427,53m |
| Profit before Tax | £13.41m | £10.12m | £24.61m |
| Attributable Profit | £5.94m | £3.50m | £11.78a |
| Earnings per Share | 4.4p | 2.6 p | · 8.8p |
| Dividend per Share | 1.820p | 1.820p | 4.493p |

Group sales revenue
Sales revenue in the first six months of 1977
amounted to £890.4 million, an increase of
£107.6 million over the corresponding period of
£107.6 million over the corresponding period
began to weaken somewhat towards mid-year.
This situation was particularly marked in the Group's
copper and lead and zinc operations. Copper prices,
which reached just over £900 per tonne during
March, had fallen to £754 per tonne by the end of
June. The average LME price for opper during the
first six months of £1976.
Sales of copper by Bougainville were approximately
£15 per cent lower than in the comparable period
lest year partly due to the treatment of hard, fow
grade ore which reduced production. Copper sales
at Palabora were higher following completion in
March of the expansion to produce an additional
30,000 tonnes of copper per annum. Towards the
end of the tail-year, however, mechanical problems
developed in both the new autogenous grading
mills which will cause an estimated 5,000 tonnes
loss of production in the second half of the year.
fevenus from copper at Lomex was approximately
the same as last year.

Revenus from copper at Comercines approximate the same as betyear.
Hamesley from increased its sales revenue, the

Vovember 1976 devaluation of the Australian doller and increases in contract prices offsetting a

dollar and increases in contract prices offsetting a small decrease in volume. Australian Mining & Smelting achieved an increase in sales with higher average lead prices more than offsetting the lower realised zinc price. Demand weakened significantly towards the end of the period and stocks of metal began to accumulate. Sales revenue from Rio Algora's grantum operations was higher as a result of price increases, including a non-recurring ratrospective price adjustment. Steel sales revenue also improved reflecting increased prices and volume.

prices and volume. RTZ Borax achieved increased sales of industrial borates in all markets. Sales of herbicides in the DOTATES IN All markets. Sees of neroscopes in the UKA however remained at low levels. In the UK, HTZ Chemicals increased its sales in improved

The UK authinium operators or it is not suffer were maintained at a high level of activity and soles revenue was increased, largely as a result of the higher level of primery signatum prices. The UK engineering and Capper Pass tin operations also

currencies during the first half of 1977 compared

higher profits from Hamersley and Contains were partly offset by a lower profit from Bougainville party oract by a lower profit from Bougainville and a loss in Mary Kathlean Uranium. A substantially higher profit was earned by RTZ Borax, principally from the US operations. Rio Algom increased its profit. In RTZ Industries the improvement in profit achieved by the UK aluminium and engineering operations was partly offert by lower profits in other areas. Anglessey significantly higher. Rössing Uranium rer commissioning stage and netrovenue from menium sales has been condited against capitalised pre-production costs.

tix months to 30 June 1977 was £42.3 million

The Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation Limited Report for the half-year ended 30 June 1977 First Half

The directors announce the unsudited matrits for the RTZ Group for the six months to 30 June 1977.

trading conditions.
The UK aluminium operations of RTZ industries

with last year this was not a significant feature in the comparison of sales for each period.

Group profit before tax Group profit barrore tax in the list six menths of 1977 was £146.1 million, an increase of 19 per cent over the corresponding period of 1976. More than half of the increase arose within CRA where um continued to perform well and profit was

Net profit

Net profit attributable to RTZ shareholders for fine (16.79p per ordinary share), an increase of £9.5 million (3.76p per ordinary share) compared with the first half of 1876.

Printed copies of the report are available on request from the

company's transfer office, 1 Redelill Street, Bristol BS1 6NT.

(£ millions) 1976 Group sales revenue -1,6725 274.2 Group operating profit 123.4 Share of profits of associated companies Dividends and interest receivable 13.5 22.2 8.7 13.4 21.2 33.3 175.0 28.9 146.1 72.1 74.0 31.7 145.5 22.5 328.7 Deduct: Interest pavable 49.9 123.0 58.4 64.6 31.8 Group profit before tax Deduct: Tex 278.E 131.3 Group profit after tax
Deduct: Attributable to outside shareholden 147.5 66.3 Net profitattributable to RTZ shareholders £42.3m £81.3m Earnings per 25p ordinary share 16.79 32.34p Dividende: Preference Ordinary - Interior £8.6m £19.6m Dacialed per 25p ordinary shirre Gross equivalent to UK shaleholden 8.00p 12.19p

(1) The results of orasses operations have been translated from foreign currencies into sterling at the quoted rates of our large as at 30 June 1977. The amount shown for the 1977 interim extinary dividend is calculated in relation to the ordinary shares currently in issue and no emount is included for any issues of accumulating ordinary shares afforced to holders of occumulating ordinary shares in Seu of dividend. If all accumulating ordinary shares are converted to extinery shares, the cost of the

1977 intedm dividend will be ZB.Bm. (S) The comparative figures for the helf year to 30 June 1976 have been adjusted for the change in back of stock valuation necessary to comply with the new UK accounting standard and for changes in the level of interest in subsidiaries, principally within CRA to reflect the acquisition in 1976 of the outside shereholders' interest in A-1 & 5.

Outlook Unless there is an improvement in demand for most unetals and an increase in market prices above the present depressed level, particularly for copper and sinc, earnings for the second half of 1977 will be

Rössing Uranium Significant improvements in operating performance have been achieved in the first half of 1977. During this period the extent of plant modifications necessary to reach full production targets was established. The cost of modifications is estimated at around £20 million but arrangements for the provision of about double this sum have been made with the shareholders in order also to cover increased working capital requirements. HTZ providing its share of these additional funds. Operation of the underground mine, which was expected to start in the second helf of 1977, has. been deferred because of difficult ground conditions and variations in one values. Further

drilling is being undertaken.

Westinghouse litigation In the US anti-trust proceedings by Westinghouse Bectric Corporation, which are referred to in note 25 of the 1978 accounts and in which the company and a number of other defendants deny jurisdiction and have taken no part, a default judgment (on the issue of liability but not damages) has been sought against the company and other non-appearing defendants, including certain Group companies. The decision of the US Court may be announced shortly. The company and the Group companies concerned were advised at the outset that any such judgment would not be recognised in the relevant temtories and could not effectively be enforced against them. In consequence no provision is being made against

Dividends : The directors have declared a dividend of 1.5625p per share on the 3.325% 'A' cumulative preference shares of the company and a dividend of 1.75p per share on the 3.5% 'B' cumulative preference shares of the company, both in respect of the half-year to 31 December 1977. These dividends will be paid

on 3 January 1978 to holders on the London and Melbourne registers as at close of business on 17 November 1977 and to holders of share warrants

Holders of accumulating ordinary shares at the close of business on 17 November 1977 will receive on 3 January 1978 a further allotment of accumulating ordinary shares, credited as fully paid, on the basis of 0.014932 of a new share for every share held at the close of business on 17 November 1977. Fractions of less than one half of a share will be eliminated and fractions of one half of a share or more will be rounded up to one whole share. Holders of accumulating ordinary shares will also receive a dividend of 0.1 p per share.

to bearer representing 3.5% B' cumulative

preference shares on or after 3 January 1978 efter preterance snares on por number 31.
The directors have declared an interim dividend of 3.50p per share in respect of the year to 31 December 1977 on the ordinary share capital

31 December 1977 on the ordinary share capital of the company, companed with 3.13p per share in 1976, before the company was granted exemption from dividend control in April 1977. The interim dividend on the ordinary shares will be paid on 3 January 1978 to holders on the London and Melbourne registers as at close of business on 17 November 1977 and to holders of share

wanants to bearer on or after 3 January 1978 after presentation of coupon number 34. In the case of holders of ordinary shares and "A" cumulative preference shares on the Melbourne register.

payment of the foregoing dividends will be made in

Australian currency at the rate of exchange ruling on 30 November 1977.

The dividends on the ordinary and preference shares will be paid without deduction of income tax

available principally to United Kingdom resident shareholders and also to shareholders and also to shareholders arion certain other countries under double to ation agreements. The interim ordinary dividend for 1977

after adding the tax credit will be equivalent to a

directors would expect to recommend to

gross dividend of 5.30p per share (compared with 4.89p per share for the interim dividend for 1976). In the absence of unforeseen circumstances the

shareholders at the annual general meeting in May

1978 a final ordinary dividend for 1977 of not less

than 5.0p per share compared with 4.32p per share for 1976.

Accumulating ordinary shares

and will carry a tax credit. This credit will be

By order of the Board D. A. Streatfeild. Secretary

6 St. James's Square London SW1Y4LD.

Copies of the full interim report and Lord Caldecote's statement to Shareholders are available from the Secretary, The Delta Metal Company Limited, I Kingsway, London, WC2B 6XF

Spear is on the move after barren years

By Nicholas Hirst

Spear & Jackson looks to be moving off its profits plateau after four years of stagnation and disappointment. Having fought off a bid from Hestair it needed to deliver a good But the first half profits have had to bear the brunt of the sell off of the group's Swedish offshoot, A. B. Stridsberg and Biorck, which after early success has proved a disastrous

Group pre-tax profits of £1.02m include losses of £193,000 from Stridsberg, and terminal costs take out a further £370,000 after tax.

With defence costs from the Hestair bid of £120,000 and £50,000 on exchange rate changes, the 3.575p net dividend increased as a major part of the bid fight, is uncovered.

The improvement over the first half of last year, when the profit was a depressed £378,000, is less of a guide to

Group profit before taxation Deduct: Taxation

Group profit after taxation Deduct: Outside shareholders' interest

Group profit before Extsordinary Item attributable to Anglo American Corporation of South

Africe Limited

Retained profit after Extraordinary

progress than the comparison with the second half of last year when the profit was £1.03m.

The second half is usually the stronger period owing to the seasonal nature of garden tool sales, and so maintained profits can be regarded as a good per-

Tool sales, although better

are still not very good. The momentum has come from the industrial division as North America has improved. Australia, however, produced only half last year's profits, but France was fairly satisfactory. Profits for the full year will depend to a great extent, on the strength of the hand and garden tool market, which so far has proved extremely slack.

There will be no repeat of the Swedish losses and £2.4m

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Anglo American Corporation

of South Africa, Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

FIRST INTERIM REPORT

for the six months ended 30th June 1977

The following are the unaudited financial results of the Corporation and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 30th June 1977, together with figures for the same period of 1976 and the year ended 31st December 1976. It should be noted that as a consequence of the merger of Rand Selection Corporation Limited (RSC) with this Corporation with effect from 1st January 1977, the results for the six months

ended 30th June 1977 include for the first time the results of RSC and its subsidiaries and also certain other companies which by virtue of the merger became subsidiaries, so that the results for the six months to 30th June 1977 are not comparable with those

Six months

ended 30.6.77

R000's

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1. In terms of special resolutions passed by members of the respective companies at general meetings held on 25th April 1977 and confirmed where necessary by the Supreme Court of South Africa (Witwarers and Local Division) RSC became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation with effect from 1st January 1977. In terms of the merger arrangements:

(a) the financial year and of the Corporation has been changed to 31st March.

2. As indicated in the merger documents a special dividend (No. 82) of 8.25 cents a share was declared on 3rd May 1977 payable to shareholders registered in the books of the Corporation at the close of business on 6th May 1977 and in respect of ordinary shares in the Corporation allotted in terms of the merger with RSC. It is envisaged that an interim dividend in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 1978 will be declared during November 1977.

As a result of the merger with RSC, and the consequent inclusion as subsidiaries in the Anglo American Corporation Group of various companies in which the Corporation previously held a minority interest, there has been a significant change in the incidence of the flow of income of the enlarged Group especially in the

quarter to 31st March. It is therefore unlikely that the previous year's pattern of

earnings of the Anglo American Corporation will be repeated so that the earnings for the six months to 30th June 1977 are expected to be higher than those for the six months to 31st December 1977. On the other hand the earnings for the three months to 31st March 1978 are likely to be proportionately higher.

income from investments does not accrue evenly throughout the year. This factor is especially significant as the financial year has been extended by

certain costs, such as those incurred on prospecting, vary materially from time to time, and

other than the Extraordinary Item, no provisions for the depreciation of investments and against loans have been included in the results to 30th June, as they are considered only at each financial year end.

Shareholders will be aware that due to the unsettled political conditions in Central Africa, together with the economic difficulties experienced by Zaire and the low copper price, it was not possible to conclude satisfactory financing arrangements for the Societe Miniere de Tenke Fungurume (SMTF) copper project in Zaire, and work was in consequence suspended in January 1976. In these circumstances, the Corporation and RSC, at their respective year-ends immediately prior to the merger, made provisions against the value of their investment in SMTF.

During 1977 the copper price has remained depressed and it is not yet possible to raise finance on satisfactory terms for this project, as a matter of prudence therefore a further provision of R9.0 million has been made against the book value of the investment in SMTF so that it has been written down to R14 million.

The issued ordinary share capital of the Corporation is 222 905 032 shares. However, the earnings per share have been based on the effective number of shares in issue during the six months to 30th June calculated as follows:

Issued in terms of the share incentive scheme Shares issued in respect of the RSC rights issue in May totalled

21 125 076 shares—reduced proportionate to the time they were in

issue during the six months

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At 30.6.76 R000's

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At 31.12.76 R000's

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5. Particulars of the Group's listed investments are as follows:

Market value

Appreciation
Outside shareholders' share thereof ...

The following factors also affect the results for a particular period:

a period of fifteen months and will end on 31st March 1978 and

the present financial year which commenced on 1st January 1977 will cover

in terms of the Companies Act, a second interim report will be issued before the end of the new financial year, in respect of the twelve months ending 31st December 1977.

Six months

R000°s

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£165,000 into Notts explorer

By Malcolm Brown
The National Enterprise
Board has bought a stake in
Sandiacre Electrics. It designs and manufactures control systems for the diesel generation, artificial fibre, sugar, shipbuilding, water treatment and metal industries.

The board said yesterday that it had agreed to subscribe for it had agreed to subscribe for 30,000 new shares in the company at £1.33p per share, giving it a 30 per cent holding in the enlarged equity. It will also be taking 125,000 £1 6½ per cent cumulative redeemable, participating 1984 preference shares at par, making a total investment of £165,000.

Projected approper for the

looks a likely figure for the year. Anything less would certainly be disappointing, but the full year's dividend should be covered more than twice. At pre-tax profit of £44,000.

Twelve

months ended 31.12.76

R000's

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22 527

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NEB puts in How absence of exchange gains nearly brought BPC to a half

cent improvement in pre-tax remains stable.

2. It follows a 43 per cent improvement in the past full year.

On turnover up by 9 per cent

Con turnover up by 9 per cent from £66.4m to £72.6m profits were up from £912,000 to £960,000. The interim dividend

A breakdown of trading profits shows printing up from £228,000 to just over £1m, packaging shead from £787,000 to £1.2m and publishing up from £82,000 to £686,000.

is simply maintained at 1.515p

seriously offset by a loss on currency fluctuations of £156,000 against a gain of £628,000 last time. The total

Motors. The first six mouths of 1977 produced a jump of 81 per cent in pre-tax profits to £1.49m, at this Ford main dealer. This is not far short

of the £1.57m peak achieved for the whole of 1976.

Mr J. F. MacGregor, the chairman, said that the greater part of the increase for the first half, came from sales of new Ford vehicles with profits in this category soaring 84 per cent, although the actual number of the progression of the cart and the contract of the cart and the cart and

ber of new cars sold went up by only 8 per cent. Profit margins had the benefit of strong demand for all the Ford range,

in particular the Cortina and

Mr MacGregor expects profits for the third quarter to be "materially higher" than last year, although not on the same stale as the first half-year. The Ford strikes have led to

seriously " depleted stocks and

"too many customers" are waiting for new vehicles. In fact the final quarter will depend largely on production

Fourth-quarter tumble

In the quarter to June 30.

Mines

Consolidated

slumped from a net profit of K6.56m to one of K392,000.

Copper production and sales, in tonnes, were lower and interest was heavier. For the year to June 30, Roan made a net profit of R20.85m, against a loss of R292.000. But this was after a devaluation loss of £15.2m

while there was no similar charge in 1975-76. The Zambian Kwacha was devalued in July.

Because of low copper prices and the rising trend in costs, Roan is now making losses. Its financial situation is deteriorating and, with no indications of

a substantal improvement in conditions, the board is not paying a dividend. There was no ordinary payment for the pre-

Magnet & Southerns

Mr Samuel Oxford, chairman of Magnet and Southerns, told

the annual meeting that man-agement accounts for the first

five months of this year show a rise in sales of about 9 per cent, with profits only slightly

lower than for same period a year ago. The comparisons are

in fair start

at Roan Mines

No stopping Armstrong

Harold Perry up 81 pc but

A record year is clearly the first five months of this under way at Harold Perry year have been little influenced Motors. The first six months by increased values or by stock of 1977 produced a jump of 81 profits. The board also expects

Ford strike casts shadow

By Bryan Appleyard currency gain for the whole of well and there is further. The British Printing Corpora- last year was £1.7m. BPC has improvement in some parts of tion had a disappointing 5 per over £1m to catch up in the publishing.

decision to shut the Hazell Offset factory. The figure will be included below the line, as is the £252,000 in the interim ment to cover losses since

On tracking, Mr Peter Robinson, chairman, comments that there has been a general improvement in activity in all divisions except for the troubled Sun Group which includes Hazell The chairman adds that packaging is continuing to do

to complete the purchase of enother Dutch timber company

within the next two weeks or

Abrasives board wins

An attempt to replace four-members of the Abrasives International board has been

Mr Colin Ashworth, son of

the group's founder, and brother of the chairman, called

en extraordinary meeting to remove the existing directors and elect himself and three

a chector in 1974.

Mr Stewart Ashworth, the chairmon, rallied shareholders and the voting to remove the board was heavily in his favour.

A bad downturn in the retail trade in May and June spoilt an "excellent" performance by

four months.

Over the whole of the half

year to June 30, this Man-chester-based taxtile group managed a 16 per cent rise in turnover to £11.7m, and a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £519,000. Mr Harold Buckley,

chairman, says that the order book for July was up 12 per cent. A "satisfactory" second

Mitchell Cotts makes

For a basic payment of £500,000, the Mitchell Cotts Group, which is in road transport, warehousing and cold storage, has bought Haulright Freight. Servicas, a private company based in Bradford. The company acts as an inter-

company acts as an inter-national freight forwarding

agent and its profits for the year to November 30 were £182,000. Net assets amounted

The inicial payment has been made by placing of Mitchell Cotts shares, and a further payment will be in cash. The

Half-Year Ended

£4m purchase

Wm Pickles hopeful

in family clash

a director in 1974.

after 13pc rise

Magnet and Southerns is timber group formed from merger of Magnet Jomery I Southerns-Evans

He also points out that the group now has a strong second half weighting in the figures. Last year £3.8m of the total of £4.8m came in the second six months. This is doe to the restrangement of the financial ear of the Swedish subsidiary. Finally the chairman says it is too early to make any fore-cast for the full year. But he does over the run year. But he does expect a maintained improvement in printing and further satisfactory results in packaging. Publishing profits should also increase.

The shares slipped 4p to 424p yesterday where they are supported by a yield of 11.5 per cent. The historic price earnings ratio is just over 7.

Crane rises clear of new US bid

As expected, Armstrong the total from 2.3p to 3.08p Equipment did well in the year to July 3. Pre-tax profits reached a peak of £6.26m, climbing from last year's £4.28m. The latest figures include an extraordinary profit of £1.56,000 on the sale of its major divisions, the board of a trade investment. This year's result is, in fact, double the profit of £3.05m achieved in its growth pattern."

The account has made a number of the total from 2.3p to 3.08p to 3.08p to 3.08p.

Armstrong crossings per share rose from the total from 2.3p to 3.08p.

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Armstrong continues to make substantial progress. In all declares. "Its future remains bright and it should continue its growth pattern." So far recent buyers of Crane Fruehauf shares have had it the US Fruehauf Corporation 1974-75. Turnover rose from the group has made a number of acquisitions over the past up from 1.79p to 1.97p, raising among them. would not bid again even though the Monopolies Commission allowed it to towards the end of August. But, as prophesied here, the American group has come back for Crane with a huge increase in terms, but terms that seem destined

the European Commission is considering whether the licens-ing deal between the two groups should not be declared void. Moreover the offer is not neces-

others onto the board. Mr Ash-worth was asked to resign as-

W. E. NORTON (BOLDINGS)

their way. Some feared that

At all events out yesterday came Fruehead Corporation with a £95m offer of 61p cash for the 66.7 per cent of the shares in Crane is does not own. The market responded by hoisting Crane 7p to 63p.

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The reaction from the Crane camp was predictable. The offer was far too low. Once again the argument is heard that any offer must take into account around film a year in royalties payable by Crane to Fruehaud, but not for much longer; but a new twist is that the European Commission is sarily worth the 51p a share suggested.

Fruehauf reserves the right to deduct from the offer an amount equal to the whole or any part of any dividend Crane declares from now on. However it is all a far cry from the first Fruehauf Corporation bid of last antumn of 27p a share.

Next step now for the English around it to report to how lish group is to report on how business is going. Last year profits recovered from £111,000

Since the start of the current year, the company has continued to prosper, Mr. W. E. Norton, the chairman, told the annual meeting. He was confident that the first-half's results would show further improvement.

Since the start of the current in excess of 1975-76.

With escribings per share up directly related to industry from 1.79p to 2.19p, the final activity. In spice of recess the first-half's results would show further improvement.

Delta is unexciting but growing solidly Like so many engineering

companies reporting recently Delta Metal's half year results are below best expectations. But. the reasons are markedly different from the disappointing experience of Guest Keen & Nettlefolds or Bridge. Trading conditions in steel have been getting worse but non-ferrous semi production, particularly for copper and brass rod, and wire, has been improving.

Thus, Delta's 33 per cent improvement in profits before tax for the half year to July 2, was made on the back of better volume in the United Kingdom but same again profits from associates, and a sharp reduc-tion in South Africa reflected in a 26 per cent reduction in the minorities charge.

minorities charge.

The quality of earnings, therefore is improving, and although United Kingdom demand is still only providing 70 per cent capacity working, working capital requirements and capital expenditure of something more than £12m this year, do not look like putting any strain. not look like putting any strain on the balance sheet.

Also CCA figures, for the half year, showing profit up from £4.4m to £5.0m fre encourfrom £4.4m to £5.0m are encouraging in that they show a real improvement for a group which is often considered to come out badly under inflation accounting. Moreover, on a sensible tax charge—the published £5.1m figure is mostly deferred—the 1.82p net interim dividend would be covered.

But it is clear that there will

But it is clear that there will be no sharp increase in profits



Lord Caldecote, chairman Delta Metal.

this year to justify a major-rating of the shares. The cha-man, Lord Caldecore, warns it second half profits will a show the 43 per cent incre-over the first half they show last year, but that there sho still be an increase for the f

How good it will be depend on how buoyant United Kingdom economy is the fourth quarter. Offir statistics have been fal-gloomy, but they are our date, and improving voto for semis could mean the be ning of an upturn in build In any case export perfor

price remains strong, the copy price remains weak and a year still looks like being good one for Delta. At down 41p the yield is 93

Half-time loss at JC Sma as margins deteriorate

A helf-time loss and the post-ponement of the interim pay-ment pushed the shares of John C. Small and Thomas down by

to 20p yesterday.

In spits of furnover expanding from £1.52m to £1.78m, a pre-tax profit of £23,000 was transformed into a loss of £17,000 in the first belf of this way. There is no tax this time. year. There is no tax this time, compared with a \$12,900 charge

last year.

In view of present trading conditions, a decision on the

was 1p net last year is o postponed. A final of 1p was also paid for 1976. The expected recovery in the recession in the textile to did not materialize becau

The group's export busine however, has maintained p fitability and prospects rea promising Small makes inishes warp knirted fair

Dowding & M's £1.42m

Good figures were expected from Dowding and Mills, good figures it reports and the shares figures it reports and the shares duly rested yesterday at 23p.
Soles rose 259 per cent to 19.49m, and pre-tax profits by 30.2 per cent to a record £1.42m in the year to June 30. Reporting first-fiair profits 20 per cent higher, the board predicted in April that the year's figures would be "well in excess" of 1975-76.
With servings ner share up.

profit was £1.22m to 1974 It is a nationwide electrical. methenical repair engineer, his last amoust report, McF neth Sharp, the chairman, that 1975-76 was "one of most difficult years in our as a public company.

He emphasised that the grand its services to the wi of United Kingdom indu

Trading recession hits Newey Group

A recession in the clothing feateners, haberdashery and hair care business which has been worldwide continues to hinder results at the Newsy Group. Interior figures for the six months to July 3 show a pre-tax loss of 150,000 which is an improvement on the corresponding figure last year of £177,000. Turnover has risen-

from £6.9m to £7.9m. Mr Martin Newey, chairman, says both turnover and profit show a considerable improvement over last year but they fall short of the group's expecta-

Sales for July and August have continued below budget. But the group expects to see an

CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS
Continental Illinois Ltd., an investment banking subsidiary of Continental Illinois Corp., has arranged a \$25m, 10-year currency

Briefly

States companies, which repre-sents a relatively new technique for coping with Britain's exchange controls.

CREDIT FOR BULGARIA ECGD has guaranteed a 12m line of credit which Lloyds Bank has made available to the Bulgarian foreign trade bank.

NATOMAS BONDS ISSUE Arrangements how completed for an offering of \$30m bonds due 1984. Interest rate will be 8 per cent as indicated, with an issue price of \$9.5 per cent.

FERRY PICKERING Board proposes a one-for-ten scrip Issue. Pre-tax profits for year to June 30 went up 46 per cent to £786,000 on rurnover 21 per cent up at £4.6m. -Charman 18 Commence, another good year, Indeed, turée mouths of new first year already show an increase sales of 27.5 per cent.

WILKINSON WARBURTON Current sales are encoura and second half should be a Figures see rable. HARRIS & SHELDON

Board looking for similar re-for full year to E3.2m mad 1975. For figures see make TORAY INDUSTRIES INC Toray intends to issue (US) guaranteed notes; dae i under the guarantee of M Bank, through an internal syndicate of underwriters.

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| | Vickers Limited Unaudited half-year's results | 30th.3 | une | Ended 31st Dec |
|----|--|---------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Campanata Jan Campa | 1977 £'000 | 1976 | 1976 |
| | Sales(Note1) | 231,118 | 202,815 | £'000 424.234 |
| | Consolidated trading profit after depreciation (Note 2) | 14,614 | 11,759 | 26,777 |
| | Investment income | 41 | 97 | 20,777 |
| | Interest payable | (5,684) | (4,462) | (9.595) |
| | Consolidated profit before taxation Share of profits of associated | 8,971 | 7,394 | 17,403 |
| ٠. | companies (Note 3) | _7.613 | 7,195 | 20,896 |
| H | Profit before taxation | 16,584 | 14,589 | 38,299 |
| | Taxation | 8,000 | 7.300 | 19,160 |
| | Profitafter Taxation | 8,584 | 7,289 | 19,139 |
| | Minority shareholders' interest Stockholders' profit before | 109 | 658 | 1.194 |
| ď | extraordinary items | 7.983 | 6,631 | 17,945 |
| 3 | Prefetence dividends | 191 | 189 | 379 |
| | Ordinary stockholders' profit | | | |
| | before extraordinary items | 7,792 | 6,442 | 17,566 |
| | Euroings per £1 of ordinary stock | 17.8p | 14.7p | 40.2p |
| | | | | |
| ı | Notes: | £*000 | £,000 | £'000 |
| | 1. Includes Shipbuilding sales | 53,769 | 51,086 | 104,279 |
| | 2. Includes Shipbuilding profit | | | |
| | after depreciation | 2,307 | 2,766 | 4,680. |
| | 3. Includes share of profits of British Aircraft Composition | 7072 | F283 | 10.056 |

Vickers Limited, Vickers House, Millbank, London SW IP 4RA



RESULTS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 1977

 The Company's unaudited results for the six months ended 30th Jone 1977, show a pre-tax profit of £16.584m compared with £14,589m for the corresponding period of 1976.

2. Those businesses not subject to nationalisation, together achieved.

increased profitability. Continuing capital investment is generating additional capacity in our manufacturing facilities. This has enabled us to secure substantially increased export orders and also provides for further anticipated growth in demand.

3. Under the provisions of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Act 1977. the Company's interests in British Aircraft Corporation and shipbuilding activities vested on 29th April and 1st July respectively, and the unaudited results of these businesses, up to the relevant dates, have been included in the six months' figures.

4. The Act provides that interest on compensation will accrue from the vesting dates, but since the amount of compensation has not yet been determined and the Government has not announced the rate of interest which will apply, no credit has been taken in these results. It is hoped that negotiations will have progressed to a stage where a view can be taken before the publication of the 1977 results. However, it is clear that such interest will fall short of the profits generated by these two business Consequently the Company's pre-tax profits in the second half of the year will not match those earned in the first six months.

5. At their meeting to day the Directors decided to declare an intering dividend of 3.85p (1976 3.5p) per £1 ordinary stock equivalent, with associated tax credit, to 5.8333p gross (1976 5.3846p gross). The dividend, which will cost £1.684m net, will be paid on 3rd January 1978 to stockholders on the Register at 1st December 1977.

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America New York, Sept 22.—Prices un the New York Stock Exchange closed lower in light trading. The Dow Jones industrial aver-age was down 1.82 points to 835.14. Declining Issues had a moderate Declining issues had a moderate lead over gainers by about 725 to 370.

Volume totalled 16.66 million shares, down from 22.20 million on Woodnesday.

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Foreign

Exchange The market was fairly busy for most of the session with the Swiss franc claiming most of the attention. Sterling at \$1.7432 stayed basically firm throughout, finishing just one point below its overnight closing level of \$1.7433. The effective index was unchanged at \$2.3.

Although never actively engaged, the Bank of England, in contrast to the support operations mounted earlier this week, was able to take in some reserves. in some reserves.

The Swiss franc was firm against both the dellar and the pound behind suggestions of impending moves by the Swiss to restrict sales of francs abroad. The pound relinquished one cent to 4.1175 compared with 4.1275 overnight. Gold gained \$0.25 to close in London at \$151.375 per ounce.

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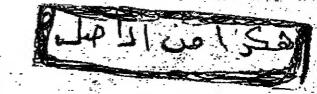
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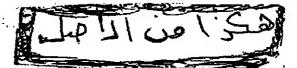
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